Mr Begin tells Egypt it must now make concessions for peace

The Knesset gave overwhelming approval last night to Mr Begin's reace proposals. The Prime Vinister said Israel had done its nart at Ismailia and it was now up to Egypt to make concessions. After his unexplained absence, Mr Dayan,

the Foreign Minister, appeared in Parliament. He is said to have been seeing the Shah in Teheran. Jordan is expected to join the foreign ministers' meeting in Jerusalem in mid-January, and Mr Vance, the Secretary of State, will attend.

Knesset approves Premier's plan

From Moshe Brilliant Jel Aviv. Der 28 Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, mld the Knesset in Jerusalem today that it was now up to Egypt to make concessions to advance a Middle East peace. larael, he said, had done its part at the Ismailia summit where it assumed "a heavy responsibility and grave risks".

The Knesset voted by an overwhelming majority of 64 to eight in support of his peace proposals. But 40 members of the 120 seat Knesset abstained, most of them members of the Labour Alignment.

Mr Begin gave the Knesset details of his proposals, includ-ing a complete withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula and administrative autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. These proposals have been criticized by Mr Begin's opponents and by mr pegus opponents and by his supporters as excessively henerous for an opening move. Aut the Prime Minister said they represented the only possible way to a neach treatment.

able way to a peace treaty.

The peace plan had been discussed by Mr Begin with President Carter in Washington and Mr Callaghan in London telore his meeting with Presi-cent Sadar this week. Mr Begin nld journalists in the Knesset restaurant today that some minor changes were adopted at resterday's Cabinet meeting and communicated to Cairo via the Americans.

Official secrecy over yesterday's disappearance of Mr Dayan, the Foreign Minister, was maintained today but in-formed sources said he had been in Toheran seeing the day in Parliament but refused ے explain his movements.

It has been noted here that King Husain of Jordan will be in Teheran next week, and there speculation that the Shah had been asked to induce the to enter the peace tegotiations

In presenting his proposals no the Knesser roday, Mr Begin inderscored his rejection of through the Strait of Tiran to the Egyptian demand for a total and from the Israeli port of

withdrawal on all fronts and said: "It never entered our minds to withdraw our forces from Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip to allow the areas to be taken over by the murderous

organization called PLO."

Mr Begin implicitly confirmed reports that President
Sadar had tended at Ismailia to agree on a joint statement of intentions but that he had been reined in by Egyptien Foreign Ministry officials.

"If rourine-minded people in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry believe they will be able to mount international pressure to get us to yield to their un-reasonable demands, they are mistaken", Mr Begin deckared.

The Prime Minister also made it clear that he will not yield to pressure from his hardline political associates in the Likud Party, who were disenchanted by his unwanted moderations. "They are my friends", he said. "I still have my affection for them, but I have no alternative." have no alternative."

Most of the details of Mr Begin's proposals were already published but the full plan was made public today for the first time. The proposed peace treaty with Egypt, as outlined by Mr Begin, provides for an Israeli withdrawal from Sinai over an unspecified number of years and the demiliarization of the peninsula. The Egyptians are to be confined to the Mitla-Giddi line about 25 miles east of the Suez Canal and limited to about 8,000 soldiers, 75 tanks and 36 guns as in the interim agree-ment of 1975.

Israel's settlements in Sinai will remain where they are and as they are, according to the proposals. They will be linked with Israel administratively and

juridically and are to be defended by an Israeli force. Pending the final pull-back to the pre-1967 border the Israelis will hold a line in the middle of the peninsula as well

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either by a joint Israeli-Egyptien force or by a United Nations force.

The plan for the occupied Jordanian territory and the Gaza Strip provides for the election of an administrative council of 11 members, with a seat in Bethlehem, to run services apart from security.

Residents of the territories will have the choice of Israeli

will have the choice of Israeli or Jordanian citizenship and will enjoy full rights including election to their respective parliaments. Israelis will be able to live and buy land in the territories while Arabs opting for Israeli citizenship will be able to move to Israel proper and acquire property.

and acquire property.

Tripartite committees representing Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian administrative comcil will be authorized to control immigration including the return of the Palestinian refugees to the areas and will

review legislation.

The issue of sovereignty is to be left in abevance and a special proposal will be formulated to assure access to the sprines of the three main religions in Jerusalem gions in Jerusalem.
Washington, Dec 28.—Mr
Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of
State, will attend the Middle

Eastern foreign ministers con-ference in Jerusalem in mid-

January, American and Israeli officials said today.

They said that the focus of the Israeli and American efforts before the conference will be to bring the Jordanians into the negotiations.

State Department officials saw a good chance of Jordan taking part, although they

saw a good charter of they believed there was little or no charce that the Syrians and the Lebauese, would join in until the neconations were raised to the level of a Geneva confer-

President Carter in Teberan during the President's world as airfields and early warning tour, beginning on Thursday. UPL Text of Israel proposals

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A heavily engaged R. J. Davenport in the under-16 section of the "Evening Standard" chess congress in London vesterday.

Concorde given Carter boost

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Dec 28 President Carter told Mr

Callaghan and President Giscard d'Estein; today by the special telex link that American obstacles to the commercial future of Concorde had been

A statement by the Elysée Palace said that the message, in reply to a request by the French President, was of vital importance for the prospects of the Franco-British supersonic

It told M Giscard d'Estaing that the Governor of New

two weeks ago by the Port of New York Authority which set a limit of 108 decibels as the maximum permissible noise for any aircraft on take-off or land-

any alteralt on take-off or landing at airports under its jurisdiction from 1985. This would have effectively eliminated Concorde.

Although satisfaction is expressed by the French Transport Ministry and Air France over the American President's message the fact remains that message the fact remains that its direct impact is limited. It

but plenty of others can arise in the meantime, notably on the expiration of the 16-month firmed by the Supreme Court judgment in the autumn. However, President Carter is fully aware that Concorde is a nighly sensitive political issue between France and the United

States; and there is no doubt that his message is designed more to create a favourable atmosphere for his visit to this country early next month, than for its practical effect on Con-corde's prospects.

Pound soars 3 cents against dollar on bright OECD forecast

Sterling jumped by over three cents on the foreign exchange markets yesterday and topped \$1.90 to the pound at one point. Trading was much busier in the morning than is usual for the week between Christmas and the New Year.

The demand for sierling was said to be a result of the rela-tively optimistic forecast for Britain from the Organization for Economic Connecation and Development in Paris, in its six-monthly review of industrial economy.

The OECD predicted a substantial surplus on the current account of the balance of paynents for next year.

Although most forecasters have already said that they expect North Sea oil to push Britain farther into the black next year, this confirmation from the OECD cheered up the

markets.

Another factor in sterling's Another factor in sterling's strength was the market's anticipation of bad United States November trade figures. In the event, the American deficit was less than expected and there was a corresponding recovery in the fortunes of the dollar.

The pound closed at \$1.8950, its best closing level against the United States dollar since March 1976, and 3.1c higher than Friday's close. It has now risen by 11.4 per cent against the American currency since the beginning of the year.

In effective terms, measured against a basket of currencies. the rise has not been so marked although it is still significant. 65 yesterday morning as the pound gained more ground against the dollar than did most currencies. The index then fell back to 64.6, 0.5 points higher than before the Christmas

Trading fell off again yester-

day afternoon. Dealers emphasized that in the thin market movements the currency rates were very exaggerated. banks were keeping their books

closed until industry gets into swing again after the New Year. However, the rise in the pound is not generally thought to be a freak of a holiday market. The short term prospects for Britain are good, both for inflation and trade, and this is likely to produce a steady demand for pounds. That could be upser if there is a spate of large wage settlements, or industrial strife.

Before the markets closed for Christmas there was a revival in demand for dollars as a result of President Carter's statement in its support. Howagainst their first enthusiasm.

They wish to see positive action in support of the dollar with more direct market intervention by the Americans when there is strong pressure on the currency and, even more importantly, new measures to cut the United State, trade deficit. which is enjected to be \$27,000m this year.

Industriations in Britain will probably not welcome the pound's latest sport. Although the rate of inflation in Britain is falling, it is still above that in most competing countries. This means that a rise in the value of sterling hits at United Kingdom competitiveness.

Exporters have already been complaining that a fack of price competitiveness is limiting their ability to win overseas orders. Many of the Government's advisers would also like to hold down the value of the pound, rather than let it rise on the back of oil. However, the attempt to do

this was abandoned in October, because it conflicted with the US trade deficit, page 13

Scots miners' leaders agree incentive talks By Ronald Faux and

Scottish miners' leaders agreed yesterday to discuss with the National Coal Board the future of productivity deals. In the Yorkshire coalfield a ballot early in the new year on incen-tive bonus schemes promises to

Delegates and officials of the National Union of Mineworkers Scottish area, meeting in Edinreleated in their opposition to incentive schemes. Mr Michael McGabey, area president, said later: "We are dealing with the world we are in and not the one we should like." He had opposed incentive agreements and believed the main Scottish effort to improve conditions for mineworkers should be based on a £135-aweek wage claim.

The meeting discussed feelings in the Scottish coalfield since the conference of dele-gates and secretaries on December 12 that condemned the union's national executive for permitting area incentive schemes. Miners' leaders threatened protest action if the board used such schemes to

The attitude changed after the

December 21 refusing an injunction against the national executive's action. Some miners began negotiating incentive schemes, and that clearly influenced the Scottish leaders, who bad voted 83 per cent against incentive schemes:

Mr Owen Briscoe, general secretary of the miners Yorkshire area, is to resign as a magistrate on the Barusley bench in protest at the ruling.

The four-day strike at the record-breaking Solsgirth colliery, near Dunfermline, Fife, added to the pressure. It ended only when the union agreed to call a delegate meeting. The Solsgirth miners are still banning overtime and their dele gate was among the six who voted against holding talks with the board to make incentive agreements uniform throughout the Scottish industry rather than individual for pits.

That view was defeated by the 20 delegates, who voted for immediate talks with the board and the craftsmen in the industry. The meeting is to report back on January 16.

Crossman's ambition was 'to run the country'

Sir Harold sees diarist as Rasputin

By Fred Emery Political Editor The late Richard Crossman was a self-appointed Rasputin figure who wanted to run the country with the Prime Minister, using Cabinet and Parliament as a rubber stamp, and who felt that all the Labour Covernment's failures "arose

That is one of the many reports by Sir Harold Wilson to his Cabinet colleague, chronicler and tormentor, in a BBC talk on New Year's Day (Radio 3, 10.35 pm).

Radio 3, 10.35 pm).

BBC transcript conveys an impression of the former Prime Minister skilfully using his half-bour to praise Mr Crossman and particularly volume III.

He scorns the diarist as an "avid recorder of gossip" whose record is "sullied by two facts": "that it was not true—

he is a great attributor of phrases never used"; the other that Crossman, the great joker, took everyone else's jokes and Continued on page 2, col 4

serious, almost as contributions city and borough elections, to our unwritten constitution." which apparently meant deferming the election to June 18, if the existing convention of a few confirm Crossman's disclosure the existing convention of a

confirm Crossman's disclosure that in May, 1969, his own leadership "seemed to be in He mentions it only to show

man's "political innocence" as too old, you're too fat, and a "major factor" in Labour's you've got young children."

defeat in the 1970 election. The Blame for the 1970 defeat is BBC transcript conveys an apportioned by Sir Harold because Crossman supposedly talked the Cabinet (or "a strong minority") into preferring June 18 to Sir Harold's

proposed date of June 11. Sir Harold's explanation is laboured. He declares that, despite Labour losses in county council elections in April, there was in May clear evidence of a pro-government groundswell in the constituencies. Almost alone, Crossman

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four-week campaign was to be observed. Sir Harold maimains that Labour would have won three-week campaign, or won Government's failures "arose that when Crossman and Mrs in four weeks had they started from the Prime Minister's Castle loyally rallied to him against any self-appointed present the diarist managed to warm acceptance, in Cabinet, of That is one of the many omit recording a remark that in four weeks had they started (Sir Harold says) Mrs Castle made in his presence. Making sure that Crossman harbard Much of Sir Harold Much

devoted to rebutting what he views as Crossman's obsessive central "theory" that the Cabinet had become a creature of the presidential Prime stand the proposition that a Prime Minister is more powerful than any other member of his Cabinet but not more powerful than two or three senior ministers working together, and certainly not more powerful than the rest of the Cabinet taken as a whole.

In particular Sir Harold rejects the Crossman theory that the Prime Minister of the day, regardless of what a Cabinet

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South-east firemen press executive to recall national union conference

Donald Macintyre abour Reporter

The Fire Brigades Union recurive meets again today rithour any real sign that the leadlock in the six-week strike is about to be broken.

The union's south-eastern region, made up of Surrey, Kent and Sussex, yesterday again mandated Mr David Shephard, its executive member, to press for a recall of the national conference, which alone has the power to end the strike. Merseyside firemen are con-

rening an inter-union conter-ence in Liverpool on January 8 in the hope of attracting sup-Port for one-day stoppages on lanuary 16, when a mass lobby of Westminster in support of the union's case is planned. Mr Terence Field, the Mersey executive member, and Mr John Lewis, the London execu-

Eve member, are expected to press for tougher action. Mr James Sillars, MP, for Ayrshire, South, a former fireman, has written to Mr Rees, ilome Secretary, suggesting that the formula for firemen's pay, which would link their pay to skilled industrial workers by November, 1979, should be inderwritten by Act of Parlia-Return to work: Two fifths of

fordshire reported for work yesterday (our Colchester yesterday (our Colchester correspondent writes). The 70 men who have joined 40 part-timers who did not take part in the strike blamed lack of money for their decision

of money for their decision. Action by women: Thirteen woman members of the union at Peterborough want to return because they are short of money Mrs Janet Summers, senior con-Quite a few of the women are breadwinners, with no men in-

Their request will be con-sidered at the next meeting of the Cambridgeshire Emergency Committee on January 3. Striking firemen complained vesterday that they were not given the chance to try to save two children who died in a fire in north London.

Christopher Havock, aged nine, and his sister, Alicia, aged seven, were in a first-floor bedroom when fire swept through their parents small terrace house in Bulwer Road, Edmon-

(the Press Association reports). trol operator at Peterborough fire service headquarters, said:

Mr Bernard Havock, aged 31 and his wife Caroline, aged 28, fire within a week in a Wisbech her brother, Mr Miles Thein-maung, aged 26, and his wife viewed by the police last night.

the striking firemen in Hert- and their son aged 13 months escaped. Mr John Ayres, union branch

secretary at Edmonton fire station said that he and five others were on picket duty at the time and could have got to the house in three minutes if the police had alerted them immediately.

He said the first they knew about it was when another fire-man, who had a relative living in the road, told them. "We got our breathing apparatus and the whole crew of six drove to the house, but by the time we got there the house was burnt out.

A fire brigade control official said the 999 call was received at 5.08 am, the police checked it, and the order to mobilize was received at 5.13 am. The first Green Goddess arrived shortly before 5.23 am. An RAP rescue team with breathing apparatus had arrived earlier. The Ministry of Defence con-firmed vesterday that soldiers who have been sent to the Military Corrective Training Centre at Colchester for offences against discipline were called in to release troops for a Christ-mas and new year break. Man questioned: After a second fire within a week in a Wisbech

Metric motoring change may take years

By Perer Waymark Motoring Correspondent
An announcement that the

Government intends to intro-duce the metric system on British toads is expected from Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, early in the new year. But it may by 1985-before the conversion from miles to kilometres is complete.

Britain has been committed to making the change since she joined the EEC, and the Government has been under strong pressure from the Community for an early decision. Mr Rodgers's first step will be to circulate a consultation paper among interested bodies, such as the morring organizations and local authorities. They will be given three months to submit comments and sugges-

After considering the sub-mussions the minister will

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formulate draft proposals, which will be sent for approval to the EEC. But that is not likely to happen before 1980 at the earliest; the minimum period of fulfilment was being put by officials yesterday at five

years.

Speed limit signs, being mandatory, will have to be changed as quickly as possible and that will probably happen in one operation so as to cause the least confusion to drivers. the least confusion to drivers. The change of informational signs, those giving the distance from one place to another, will be done more gradually. Most of the cost of conversion will

fall on local authorities

Speed limits are not likely to
change much as a result of conversion into kilometres an hour. The 30mph in built-up areas, which is the equivalent of 48kmh, will probably be-

will easily drivers

The 40mph limit will be rounded up slightly to 65kmh and the 60mph limit, which applies to all single-carriageway roads not otherwise restricted might become 100kmh, though 95kmh is a nearer equivalent. The most contentions change will concern the 70mph limit on motorways and other dual-carriageway roads. The nearest metric round figure is 110kmh, equivalent to just over 68mph, but there will be pressure on the Government to go for a

higher limit.

The Automobile Association maintains that the 70mph limit tends to create dangerous bunching, and suggests that it should be advisory only. It would like the legal limit to be raised to 80mph, about 130 kmh.

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Mr Churchill in

A West German boy uged eight yesterday received a kid-ney flown to Hamburg by Mr Winston Churchill, MP, in his private aircraft. Hamburg-Eppendorf University hospital said the transplant had been successful.

Gatwick airport to Hamburg to deliver the kidney of a man-aged 44. His wife Mary novigated.

The kidney, which became available at the Royal Free Hospital, London, was handed

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PO heading for big surplus again

The Post Office, which last summer ras required to return more than £100m in excess profits to telephone sub-scribers, is heading for a big surplus in be current financial year. Speculation -based on internal preliminary counts—puts it at 5450m, but a okesman for the corporation said this zure was too high. Earlier this month, I William Barlow, the new Post Office Earnan, seid he hoped telephone larges could be held beyond next Page 13

pring Nuclear decision

outh Africa is expected to announce 100 its decision to go ahead with the onstruction of a uranium enrichment bant for nuclear fuel. It is concerned 12t if sanctions are stepped up, the nited States may refuse to supply twicked uranium for a power station being built near Cape Town Page 4

Staff dishonesty

The demand for undercover agents by businesses worried about staff dis-honesty is increasing. One agency that specializes in providing them says its business is increasing by about a fifth Page 2 a year

'Parrot's Beak' war

Vietnamese troops are fighting Cambodian forces in the "Partot's Beak", some 50 miles from Saigon, according to diplemente sources. Observers estimated to the contract of the mate that 20,000 Cambodian regular troops are engaged. Analysts suggest that this may be the beginning of a Sino-Soviet war by proxy

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New Fed chairman

Mr G. W. Miller, president of Textron, is to replace Dr Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, it was reported in Washington less night Page 13

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Gun murder in Rome Signor Angelo Pistolesi, an Italian rightwinger held briefly last year under suspicion of complicity in the murder of a young communist, was shot dead in Rome yesterday. He was shot in the

Bargain-hunters Although the retail trade did at best only reasonable business before Christonly reasonable business before Christ-mas. West End stores reported crowds of bargain hunters, and takings indica-ted that last year's figures would be exceeded.

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mercy flight to help German boy By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Churchill, Conservative IP for Stretford, had piloted his two-engine Piper Seneca through gale-force winds from

The mission was organized by the air wing of St John Ambu-lance Brigade. over at Gatwick early yesterday morning. "There was a force-nine gale during the flight across the North Sea, but I've met worse weather", Mr Churchill said on his return. An ambulance and police escort met them at Hamburg. By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

The demand for undercover agents by businesses worried about staff dishonesty is increasing. Lodge Service (Security) Ltd. which specialize in providing them, says the undercover business is growing by about a fifth a year.

The amount of stealing by staff has been obscured by publicity given to shoplifting, particularly some of its more bizarre aspects, such as theft by Arabs and others with respectability to lose and pounds

Some estimates put the annual loss to retailers through pilfering at more than £500m a year, seven tenths of it by staff, the rest through shoplifting and other dishenesty by customers although not all firms put so much blame on staff, the growing use of undercover agents in industry, commerce and retailing has detected some astonishing examples of organized theft.

Mr Howard Sledmere, of Lodge Service told me that in une business an undercover agent discovered a widespread racket in men's and women's wear. "Ultimately the police had to be called in. But they had to be called our again bea third of its staff at one of the busiest times of the year."

An undercover agent is chosen for his clean record, ability to fit into a variety of jobs, win the confidence of other workers where he is operating, and to work long hours.

The 140 applicants who responded recently to a carefully-worded advertisement were pruned eventually to three, and Lodge Service, which trains them and supervises operations, likes to sharpen their vigilance by using them as store detectives between spells of clandestine

Only two people in the client firm are likely to know that an agent is installed. He applies in the normal way for a job there, in a warehouse or some other place where loss is

Each night, after what other people would regard as a normal working day, the agent produces in the vernacular an account of what he has seen. Lodge's executives make no artempt to edit it, as the flavour of the report and tone of language may have meanings for the client that an edited version might obscure.

The reports are sent weekly to the managing director, usually to his private address, or that of his delegate. Apart from the obvious need to ensure an undercover man's safety, one reason for limiting his contacts may have given the opportunity for pilfering or for maladmini-

Visa difficulties

With two players, Sax of Hun-

gary and Suba of Romania, still missing because of visa troubles.

and a third. Hort of Czechoslo-vakia, arriving too late, only five games could be played in the first round of the Premier chess tourna-ment at Hastings yesterday.

The lively play more than made up for the uneven nature of the round, however, and it was particularly pleasing to find the young british contingent doing well against some powerful opponents.

Nunn and Speelman played two

steady draws against Drindzihashvili and Shamkovich.

Frie grandmasters. But Jonathan Fiscall, the young American, proved no match for the former world champion, Petrosian, who won on time with 13 moves to go.

Shortly afterwards, Simon Webb-scored a well-merited victory over Svesbnikov, the young Russian grandmaster, and George Botterill.

icentits in jound one: Nunn i.,
D indzhesheilt i., Caro Kann dei;
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Lorries will replace the Royal Navy's 130-year-old link

between Portsmouth dockyard

and the mainline roll system which has been cut because old

needed for redevelopment.

Rail link broken

upset start of

chess contest

From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

One agent, who was put into the local branch of a worried retailing discount described how the manager spent his afternoons there watching horse racing on television. The report said the staff were indolent and aggressive with customers, the stock was not being checked into the system, and small items were being stolen in a dribble steady enough to affect profits. The effect of the surveillance was a "shake-out" of staff up to the level of area manager, and a

rise afterwards in sales.

The job of the undercover agent is to identify where loss big theft is planned he may have to telephone an executive at Lodge Service at night, when outportunity occurs, so as to alert the police. As a result of connection with the police 510,000 worth of furniture was

recently restored to a client.
One gain from undercover work is that management cets a more accurate picture of shopfloor attitudes. Mr Sledmere says. Knowledge of the source of dissatisfaction makes reme-dies possible. "These impressions are not easy to obtain in a conventional way. Many directors are told only what people want them to hear."

Mr Sladmere has reassuring arswers for commany directors

who may trouble themselves with such questions as: "How do the unions react? Do such onerational methods not smack of totalitarianism? What is the effect on internal morale if the use of internal observation comes to the ears of staff?"

Mr Sledmere replies: "Most fears are allayed on all counts by virtue of the fact that the observer has given in notice or been dismissed before the final clear-up. It has even been known for him to be picked up 'for another job in Liverpool', even if he cannot be previously

withdrawn.

"As far as the unions are concerned, of the limited number of times that card-carrying members have been involved, almost without exception they have expressed the view that they have no wish to be working cheek by jowl with villains and have shown their understanding of the need to adopt unusual procedures to bring back profit stability."

Only once in Lodge Service's experience has a cover been penetrated, and that was the result of misjudgment by the management of the company in

which he was working.
But agents have to remain olert. After working a week in the yard of a wholesale department, one of Lodge's most ex-perienced men looked un to see a lorry entering with a familiar face behind the wheel. The criver had done three years' imprisonment as the result of the agent's observations at a

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servants.

the entire discussion and im-pose his idiosyncratic doctrine

by sitting down the following day with a secretary of the Calinet to cook the

Having called Crossman "a

having called Crossman "a philosopher-king", a "compulsive teacher". Sir Harold-now finds that "even a second-year student would never have sought to maintain such a thesis". He says that refutation is simple: if the review of Cabinet decisions "were anything but meticulous" it would be challenged by the too civil

In his eight years as Prime

Minister he could not recall a single challenge or a case of

the minutes being queried later.

Whatever Crossman was, Sir Harold holds that "he was

navor a serious politician", even though he praises his min-isterial reforms in the health service and in local government.

service and in local government, and in expanding Commons select committees. He continually speaks of him as a compulsive educator, and clearly views the diaries as part of the process of educating the public that ought to have been

restrained or at least delayed.
He supports the Radcliffe committee of Privy Councillors in recommending a 15-year rule.

Anothing less would destroy the

mutual trust required for Cabinet government, which, in any case, Sir Harold argues.

Crossman'a compulsive

educator'-Sir Harold

might decide, "could reverse vanced....

Campaign to safeguard spina bifida babies

By David Nicholson-Lord

A reform of the law making it mandatory for deaths in the first year of life to be reported to a coroner is being urged by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in a new campaign to safeguard spina hifted babies against prematures. bifida babies against premature death through over-sedation.

The society stated yesterday The society stated yesterday that there was growing evidence of doctors' prescribing large overdoses of sleep-inducing drugs for babies born with such severe spina bifida that no operation is possible. The babies do not cry when they are hungry and die through lack of food.

Dr Margarer White, vice-chairman of the society, esti-mated that about a fifth of the two thousand babies born every year with spine bifide, a condition involving malformation of the spine and spinal cord. were being allowed to die in that way.

Nearly two hundred MPs are being asked in a letter to support the reform. The society says inquests or full reports would not be needed in all cases, but coroners, and procurators fiscal in Scotland, would be able to check on treatment in centres with high death rates among handicapped children. Only two or three cases a month would require to be checked by each coroner.

Mrs Phyllis Bowman, director of the society, said she had
received reports of the
"gradual sedation regime"
occurring in between 10 and
15 hospitals. Many doctors and
nurses were afraid to disclose
the facts publicly, however,
fearing that their careers might
be ieconardized.



Paul Warneck, despite spina bifida, climbs 18 flights.

Some doctors were reporting a 100 per cent death rate in the early months of life among spina bifida babies who do not undergo an operation. Usually more than half those babies would leave hospital alive, even though most of them would not survive beyond the age of two

Commons questions are to be tabled by Mr Nicholas Winterton, Conservative MP for Macclesfield.

she had wimessed a case of over-sedation when working in the neonatal ward of a Glasgov children's hospital.

Mrs Betty Warneck, of Dudley, West Midlands, the mother of a 14-year-old boy suffering from the condition, said that despite medical fore casts that he would be mentally defective if he survived beyond the age of three he was among the top pupils in his class on most subjects and recently At a press conference to climbed the stairs to the launch the campaign yesterday family's eighteenth-floor flat Mrs Anne Wood, a nurse, said during a lift strike.

Stores pin hopes on sales after slow trade before Christmas

The retail trade is pinning its hopes on the sales, many of which started vesterday after the Christmas holiday. For most shookeepers the days before the foliday yielded at best only a reasonable level of business.

Many have done well to secure a 15 per cent rise in the value of sales, which means, with inflation, virtually no real growth over last year's figures. The John Lewis Partnership, whose returns are a reliable guide, was selling slightly below forecast in the 20 weeks ended December 17: a 15.4 per cent growth by value was set against an estimated 16 per cent for the half-year compared with the same period last year. same period last year.

Debenhams, with nearly 80 outside the store for five nights, were rewarded with a complistores covering most of Britain, serimates a unmoved when the store to the nearly stores to the nearly stores to the store to the nearly stores to the nearly sto promptly reported sick and was about a fifth by value and conwithdrawn.

Rejecting the diary's account

of the timing of the 1966 elec-tion. Sir Harold discloses that he had agreed the date in January with Mr George Prown.

as his deputy. Crossman had

felt that he alone should be

minant".
But Sir Harold says that

But Sir Harold says, that because Crossman, was also a compulsive leaker to fournalists, also seeking to educate them, "Dick was the one person I could not consult". The diaries' suggestion that the date was settled in a tetea-tete in February ignored the facts. He gives one example of

but had merely listed the two possible approaches. Venturing that he in no way impurned the integrity of the

diaries' editors, Sir Harold rug goets that they are "not neces sarily those which Dick would have published had he lived".

He concedes that Crossman

was extraordinarily frank in ad-

mitting when he was wrong and

"corrying the can", but "some of the facts he recorded are

my confidant, adviser, deter

Before Christmas the West End of London saw generally lower sales volumes. probably because there were fewer foreign visitors.

However. West End store chiefs said that yesterday's takings indicated that last year's figures, themselves a record, would be overtaken. Street, as crowds packed every floor, Mr Mark Galley, the

regional promotions manager, said: "I would not be surprised if we achieved a 30 per cent increase this year." All the special bargains, including furniture, carpets, kitchen equipment and television sets. had been snapped up by about lunchtime. Bargain hunters, some of whom camped bunters, some of whom camped

hundred people waiting to get in. At opening time there were nearer six hundred. We are expecting a bumper sales increase." He thought shoppers had held back Christmas money to get better value. Liberty's reported morning

figures better than last year's. "We are about 20 per cent up this time", a representative said. Scarves, fabrics and fashsaid. Scarves, fabrics and fashions were selling well.

At Swan and Edgar, Mr John Grice, the store director, said sales had exceeded expectations. Some people had camped outside for two days, including a family with three children, one in a pram. They bought a sheepskin coat reduced from £115 to £15; a suede coat reduced from £99.95 to £9.95; and toys.

toys.

Even stores for which yesterday was only a preview day "Shortly before our doors being shown by shoppers that opened there were about three business would be good.

Miners show more support

Continued from page 1

Mr McGahey said the union recognized that incentive schemes were coming in but said it was seeking to retain the unity of the Scottish miners. That was the purpose of area rather than local agreements. 'I do not take it personally but

Mr James Cowan, Scottish director of the National Coal Board, welcomed the decision. Great care will be taken by the board to have a uniform area approach", he said. An agreement might be retrospecin February ignored the facts. He gives one example of Crossman's leaking when he educated lobby journalists over Cabinet divisions at what Sir Harold describes as their weekly unattributable briefing with the Leader of the House. Cabinet silence was enjoined on a pending decision over expelled Kenya Asians. The next day the Cabinet's divisions were splashed on every front page. Crossman had protested that he had not leaked, but had merely listed the two

Interest is increasing among Yorkshire's 65,000 miners and men at 20 collieries our of 66 in the coalfield have expressed varying degrees of enthusiasm. At 15 pits, branches favour pro-One branch has written to the

management declaring an interest and three have sent deputa-tions to the management on behalf of individual face teams. Informal discussions have taken place at one branch. The outcome of the ballot,

however, may binge on the way in which the question on the ballot paper is phrased. According to Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire miners' president, the area council has decided that the ballot will determine "whether or not in the light of the present position, they agree to reaffirm their opposition to the introduction of an incentive

for productivity schemes wage basis no less than any other nineworker in Britain for the same job.".

There appears at this stage to be no other choice. If York-shire miners vote for an area productivity deal the case is clear. If they vote against it they automatically vote for industrial action to achieve the "I do not take it personally but I see it as a setback because I same pay as men doing the same job elsewhere and engaged in incentive deals. For men who want perher incentive schemes nor ladustrial action there appears to be no provision.

Concern has been expressed in Yorkshire that area incentive schemes are an unknown quantity. Further, there appears to be nothing to suggest that if an area scheme was rejected local pit schemes would be banned. That might be in the minds of the deputations from the three pits, South Kirkby, Grimethorpe and Dearne Valley, who are seeking schemes for

individual teams. Secretary named: The next general secretary of the Scottish area of the National Union of Mineworkers is to be Mr Eric Clarke, aged 44, of Edinburgh. He won yesterday at an area delegate meeting by a large majority over two other candidates. He was also elected Scot-tish member of the union's national executive.

Mr Clarke said he was on the left of the Labour Party. He is prospective parliamentary can-didate for Stirlingshire, East and Clackmanuan, and a member of Lothian Regional Coun-

necessary to ensure Yorkshire Abbey, near Nottingham, mineworkers are paid on a day former home of Lord Byron.

Luciano Berio, from Italy, will conduct two of his own works, Difference; and Points

on the curve to find, and Witold Lutoslewski, from Poland, will conduct his Preludes and Fugue.
The composers' willingness to appear with the Sinfonierta is

an indication of the high repu-tation it enjoys on the Conti-nent, where its frequent appear-ances have gained critical

Since it was founded a decade ago by Nichous Snowman and David Atherton, the Sinfonietta,

Crew safely off stranded ship

The 28 members of the crew of the Conqueror, the Grimsby trawler, stuck fast on rocks off the Cornish coase, were all safely off the film vessel last night as salvage experts worked on They were taken off by Pen-lee lifeboar. The Conqueror went aground near Mousehole

barbour in Tuesday's gales,

spills in river Stocks of detergent were sent to the Hamble river, near Southampton, last night when a pipeline fractured, releasing 2,500 gallons an hour of aviation spirit at Church Lane, Burstedon, near the busy A27

Aviation fuel

the composer.

road. Workers at the Shell fuel dump shuf down the pipe.

Magistrate baffled over drug in have played a role in the great gazumping period of 1972 and 1973. mushroom

Gazumping back in

Gazumping has returned to the home buying market, accord-

ing to a report published yester-

day by the chief surveyor of a large building society. The practice has not become wide

spread yet but in one case it added nearly £6,000 to the price of a house near London

Mr Peter Moreton, the author

of the report and chief surveyor for the Anglia Building Society,

said gazumping was returning to

sales in the middle price range,

often in "the most sought-after commuter belt areas".

The worst case reported was in November at Morden, south

London, when the price of a four bedroom house rose from £18,000 to £23,500. At Burbage,

Leicestershire, the other pro-perty, which Mr Moreton said was not a luxury class house ".

Gazumping began to return towards the end of the year. Mr

Moreton said one reason was the continued shortage of hous-ing. Sellers had also been reducing their prices in the past

year because the market had been in the doldrums and pric

ing had not kept pace with rising demand.

He did not accept that the

building societies were to blame

By Our Motoring Correspondent

The stricter annual vehicle test for cars introduced a year

ago is being far from uniformly administered, according to a survey by the Automobile Association magazine, Drive.

Drive put an Austin 1100 manufactured 11 years ago, and

bought at a public auction with a five-day-old pass certificate, through the test at 21 garages. Although it failed every time the garages could not agree ob

its faults or discover some that were potentially dangerous.

According to AA engineers who examined the car after it

was bought there were 25 important defects that made the vehicle "totally unroadworthy and dangerous". They considered that the car should not be

used on public roads until re-pairs had been done.

increased in price by £2,750.

home-buying market

involved.

parties.

on the road.

of Transport's own centre at Hendon failed the car on a VT21 form, crossing out the word "dangerous" on the check

Mr Arthur Johnson, chairman of the Motor Agents' Associa-tion's technical committee, put the discrepancies down to dif-ficulties of interpretation.

Garages differed on car

European composers are

to make London visit

that failed 21 tests

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He did not think the practice A mushroom that apparently was widespread at present, and infringes an Act of Parliament the Morden case was excepbaffled Mr St John Harmy tional in terms of the money worth, at Marlborough Street Magistrates Court, London, yesterday, when he heard that increased the average amount involved might be a tenth of the legal position was un-In the past few months estate agents in some of the

The tiny mushrooms can be found growing in such places as Clapham Common and Hydo London have reported little new Park, the court was told, but property on their lists. In the case of flats it has become comif taken would produce similar effect: in LSD Michael Clear, unemployed. mon to find one property on the

lists of three or four agents. The National Association of who was charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971, and Estate Agents Said yesterday the mushrooms could be eaten with toast.

that if gazumping became wide-spread again it was likely that the building societies would try to put a brake on it by reduc-The magistrate said: " I have never heard of these mushroom before. There i no ing the funds. Legislation, if introduced, might follow the ex-

"I am told they arew in Hyde Park. I am going to dismiss the charge and if they want to make logal history ample of Scottish law, which makes the acceptance of an offer more binding on both someone can appeal against my decision to see what the position is." The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors has also had re-ports from members about recent cases. It said: "There is erition is. Mr Clear, aged 25, a equation ving at Rectory Gardens, Lving at no evidence at all of any recurrence of gazumping. It has

Clapham, had pleaded guilty, so the mugistrate granted him an absolute discharge. Mr Clear, because funds were still being always occurred where people rationed, although they might want a particular property." who also admitted the illegal possession of 299 grams of cannobis resin, and was fined \$15, had been found with about fifty mushrooms when searched in the West End. Quoting from a leaflet pro-

vided by the police laboratory, Mr Harmsworth said the must Five of the garages failed the rooms grew freely in the United Kingdom, particularly in car on the ordinary black-and white VT21 refusal form; nor on the red-and-white VT22 the wetter western districts. The leaflet read: "Legal advice form, which gives warning that should be taken in remed of any possible charges relating m the vehicle is dangerous for use these mushrooms, as the legal position is unresolved at the One London garage not only refused to pass the vehicle but threatened to report *Drive's* investigator to the police if he drove it away. The Department of Teasport's own centre at

noment."
The mushrooms were usually the mushrooms were tracely eaten, the dose being two to three grams, equivalent to 20 to 30 mushrooms. Mr Clear had been charged with illegally having 5.5 grams of psilocyhin, a class A drug found in the nushrooms. In November a man was given

a suspended prison servence by a different magistrate for having two of them.

"Many aspects of the test still rely on an examiner's own judgment", he said. Chaplin statue on 'cockney' site suggested

A life-size statue of Sir Charles Chaplin in his Charlie Chaplin tramp's costume, stand-London, was suggested yearer day as the capital's tribute to

By Our Music Reporter
Two of Europe's leading composers will visit Britain next of modern music, with all the month to appear at the tenth anniversary concert of the London Sinfonietta, an orchestra contemporary music has never that specializes in modern that specializes in modern The orchestra does more tour. Mr liltyd Harrington, a mem-ber of the Greater London ber of the Greater London Council, will ask the council, today to commemorate Sir. Charles, who died on Christmas. Day, aged 88. in character. He The orchestra does more tour-ing abroad than in Britain, because there is more money available there than for home was born into poverty in south London and Mr Harrington said. tours.

The concert on January 24 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, will include the premiere of a work by Harrison Birtwistle, the British composer, entitled Cormen arcadiae mechanicae perpetuum, which will probably be conducted by the composer. the statue should either be at-"I think Charlie ought to be staring down the Old Kent Road", he said. "There is a great tradition in south London. to remember the dead. We need to commemorate creat Lead doners, and the statue would be Simon Ratel: will conduct Sir Michael Tippett's Songs jor Dov, with Gerald English as the tenor soloist.

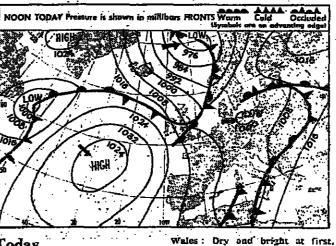
got tremendous fun out of _____ watching him."

watching him."

The function at the Elephant and Castle that Mr Harrington favours is the one at Wolworth Road, Old Kent Road, Blackfriars Road, Keanington Fark, Road and Westminster Bridge Road, It is near Rowton House, where tremps could get a night's lodging for 1s 6d; "the fitter of cockney London". Mr Harrington said. of cockney ! Harrington said.

an inspiration to those who saw "It would be part of the Gna of trainer cultural heritage of London. I falle: Gwynedd, am a complete and atter fan of the bridge on Charlie Chaplin's. As a kid I

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Last quarter: January 2.
Lighting up: 4.29 pm to 7.36 am.
High water: Londen Bridge,
3.50 am, 7.0m (22.8ft); 4.13 pm,
7.0m (22.9ft). Avamounth, 9.3 am,
7.2.6m (41.5ft); 9.33 pm, 12.5m
(41.2ft). Dover, 12.51 am, 5.6m
(21.6ft); 1.7 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft).
Hull, 8.20 am, 6.7m (22.1ft);
8.13 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool,
1.8 am, 8.6m (28.3ft); 1.18 pm,
8.9m (29.1ft).

A declining ridge of high pressure over S Britain will be followed by troughs of low pressure moving SE from N Britain.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d. drizzle : f. fair ; f., rain ; s., san ; sa, snow.

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Moray Firth, N Ireland: Cloudy, bill fog and rain, sleet or snow on bills, bright intervals, later, scattered showers; which W to NW, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C to 7°C (43°F to 45°F). pressure moving SE from N
Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S, SW
England, East Anglia, Midwids, E England, Chahnel Islands, S (43°F), falling later.

ing mostly clear overnight; wind W veering NW, moderate, freshening; max temp 6°C to 8°C (43 F to 46°F):

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mustly bright with wintry showers in N and E; rather cloudy in S and W at times, some rain or sicet; generally rather cold, some trost; temp about normal in SW. N Wales, NW, Central N, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, hill fog, rain becoming more widespread, sleet or snow on hills, clearer later, with scattered showers; wind W veering NW, fresh or Strong; max temp 6°C to 7°C (43°F to 45°F).

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 ant to 6 pm, 5°C (41°F): min, 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F), itemidic; 6 pm, 67 per cent. Rain, 20°m to 6 pm, a trace. Sun, 24°m to 6 pm, a trace. Sun, 24°m to 6 pm, 1.1hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,012.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.



yesterday on the ground of two yesterday on the ground of the Prime Minister should formerly Lady Sarah Grey have just one confident, a member of his Cabinet, arbitrarily

Decree for peer Lord Hillingdon, aged 55, was granted a decree his in London ment, and his determination ment, and his determination ment, and his determination man rended to "hold in intelligence on the ground of two has Prime Minister should be added to the Labour Party such man the Labour Party such scheme on an area basis ", and Newstead Abbey: The National to ascertain "if the member Coal Board yesterday, ship are prepared to take whatever industrial action may be coal working under Newstead

Royal Shakespeare heads for the City By Martin Huckerby

Theatre Reporter The Royal Shakespeare Com-pany will make its debut at the Barbican Arts Centre next sum-mer during the City of London-Section

Festival.
A 1,200-seat theatre in the arts centre will eventually become the new London home for the company but it will not be ready for another two years. So' next summer the company will be using the small but well equipped theatre in the new premises of the Guildhall School

premises of the Guidhall School of Music and Drama.

The brief appearance next year indicates the importance the Royal Shakespeare Company attaches to developing its relationship with the City.

gramme of lunch-time shows.

It has not vet been decided whether the company will eventually give up its Warehouse Theatre in Covent Garden; there is a large reheared room at the Barbican that could be suitable for small pro-

It believes that as well as its ductions. It may also continue present audience there is another potential audience in the City. Offering bars and restaurants, an art gallery and a library, bookstalls and record counters, it hopes to attract workers straight from their Mr James Sargant, the com-

pany's Barbican administrator, said that with people coming to use the bars and restaurants as well as the big new library, they were considering a programme of lunch-time shows.

to use the Aldwych theatre.

The company habitually transfers particularly successful productions to West End theatres. Once it has moved into the City, the Aldwych could be used as a regular West End howcase.

The company is also hoping to learn from the experience of the National Theatre, which has had great financial and technical difficulties since moving into an unfinished home on the South Bank. Since the City of London will

have overall responsibility for the arts centre, the Royal Shakespeare Company does not face the same kind of operating expense as the National Thea-

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HOME NEWS

By fan Bradley
The Chinese authorities have invited Thomas Cook, the cravel company, to bring 2,000 visitors into China next year after previously setting the 1978 quota at 146. This year Cook has taken 120 visitors to China.

The invitation was made to

120 visitutes to China.

The invitation was made to Mr Trevor Davies, Cook's director of four operations, when he visited Peking just before Christmas. New areas are to be opened to tourists. He said vesterday that the Chinese seemed particularly interested in amracting European tourists. No similar increase in the number of visitors allowed has been made for American of Austra-

bar of visitors allowed has been made for American or Australastan tour operaturs.

Cook will run-two basic holidays in China in 1978, with departures about every 10 days between February and October. An 11 day tour will cost £569 and a 13-day tour £630, both taking in other Far Eastern countries.

Next year's programme will include visits to areas in northeast and south China that have previously been closed to tour-

east and south China that have previously been closed to touriest. New destinations will include Hangchow, Changchom, Sian and Manning.

The company has a long connexion with China. In 1874 Thomas Cook, the founder, visited Peking and Shanghai on his first world tour. The company maintained offices in both cities and organized business and holiday travel for Europeans in China early this century.

Thomson Holidays, which started tours to China in the autumn, has places for 900 people on 18 helidays to China between the beginning of January and the middle of Mar. It is offering 12 nights in Peking and three in Tokun for 575 and and three in Tokyo for £575 and a longer holiday in Pelcing and Shonghai for £680.

Prisoner returns

Alan Whintle, aged 29, who with another prisoner, escaped from Reading jail on December

Man who threw

prisoners fined

rom Our Correspondent

Derek Podmore, aged 41, of

Styche, Market Drayton, Salop, readed guilty at Shrewsbury Magistrates' Court yesterday to

Mr Podmore, who described

timself as a professional peacher, was said by Inspector Loger Jenks to have used a ladder to scale the prison walls and shower cigarentes on to the

prisoners at exercise below. He

was said to have been wearing a Father Christmas outfit.

Mr Podmore, Mr Jenks added, asked for a specific prisoner to be brought forward

as an inducement to him to come down and that was done.

He threw the man cigarettes and wished him a merry Christ-

ot of concern to the authorities

because it was necessary to call out an army Green Goddess fire appliance) to set Mr Pod-

more down", Mr Jenks added.
Mr Martin Rogerson, for the
defence of Mr Podmore, said

was a seasonal prank with-tut any criminal or vicious latent by "a genuine eccen-

Mr Edward Futcher, aged 23,

of Farnham, Surrey and three brothers, James, William and John Croft, of Shirley, South-

compron, set up what was claimed to be a record yesterday

by ringing a bob major peal on

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Strate China raises Ban on Front material | Potato ban tour quota in schools refused in schools refused by Donald Macinture Schools, but the labour Reporter Want to do is to Mrs Williams, Secretaries

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has dismayed senior union leaders by rejecting their request for an early ban on National Front material from schools.

The TUC had urged Mrs Williams to advise education authorities to stop invitations to speakers from the party and the distribution of National Front literature in schools. It is now to tell her that it is extremely disappointed with her reply, which says that a decision should in any case await a report from a working party set up by the Commission on Racial Euclity.

Mrs Williams's letter to the TUC adds: "It would be wrong to underestimete the extent of National Front activity in the

schools, but the last thing we want to do is to overestimate it and so give the National Front precisely the kind of fillip it would like."

She says that it is "not easy

to try to outlaw any given set of ideas, however repugnant, without endangering legal freedom of expression. Nor is it clear, the letter maintains, how the law could be amended or used to that end.

Left-wingers on the TUC subcommittee that considered Mrs Williams's response argued that it convested sharply with the stand taken in the controversial Labour Party broadcast on the National Pront.

As a consecuence the TUC General Council has decided to write again to Mrs Williams resterating the need for immediate action to protect committee that considered Mrs

mediate action to protect school children from racialist propaganda and agitation".

More young people are visiting Britain

Almost one visitor in three to Britain is aged 24 or under, according to the latest research newsletter of the British Tourist Authority. In 1975 they numbered 2,565,000 out of a total of 8,844,000.

Recent years have seen many more visitors under 16. The numbers rose by a quarter in noth 1974 and 1975; that group now makes up 9 per cent

More than a third of the young visitors in 1975 came from France and Germany, and 12 per cent from the United Fates. The other main countries. tries of origin were Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Canada.

In 1972 the United States was the largest single source of young visitors, providing 22 per cent, but there was a steady decline until 1975. The tourist authority, however, thinks that nt probably rose again in 1976 and 1977.

Half the young visitors in 1975 were on holiday, nearly a 11th were visiting friends or relations, and a tenth were on full or part-time study courses. Those from southern European

Those from southern European countries such as Greece, Italy and Spain (and to a lesser extent Scaadinavia) were most likely to be studying.

Most made independent arrangements for their visits. Nevertheless the youth package market expanded in the three years before 1975, and about a quarter bought a packaged travel deal that year.

A fifth of young visitors A fifth of young visitors came to Britain in 1975 in a group, such as a school or student party, young people from the northern and central European countries being most

Although young travellers accounted for 29 per cent of visitors to Britain in 1975, that was a smaller proportion than in West Germany and France. where they represented about 40 per cent

likely to do so.

to stay in defiance of EEC

By Hugh Clayton

The Government issued the Government issued a challenge yesterday to the guardinus of EEC farm policy. It came in a laconic statement from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: "The ban on imports of maincrop potatoes will continue until further notice."

Its purpose was to tell the rest of the EEC that the Gov-ernment will not dismantle British farm marketing schemes if the Community can offer only anarchy in their place.

The potato ban is used to protect British growers from sudden cut-price competition. It is one of the measures used to stabilize Supplies through the operations of the Potato Market ng Board.

The ban obstructs free trade in the Community Under the rules of accession to EEC membership Britain has until Saturday to remove such obstacles. Ministers justify their refusal to do so in the case of potatoes on the ground that the rules of the common agricultural policy do not yet apply to them.

Welsh farmers called yester

Welsh farmers called yesterday for a rise of almost three quarters in the guaranteed price of potatoes next year. They said growers needed £80 a tonne, compared with less than £50 fixed by the Government this year. The claim was made by the Farmers' Union of Wales, the only one of the four British the only one of the four British farming unions that publishes increases sought in farm price

The union also said it wanted the present Brirish system of payments to continue on sheep. They, too, are not yet covered by the common agricultural

The union called for 54p a gallon for milk from the start of 1978. Mr T. Myrrdin Evans, president of the union, said: "In Brussels British form prices are being barrered for political purposes. We face subsidized compenition from Danish bacon producers, with butter from the Netherlands, and our Government is paying the Irish to destroy confidence in the beef

EEC farm policy, page 14

Climbers safe and well

Two climbers missing overnight on a snow-swept mountain in the Cairngorms were found safe and well in a remote valley

Mr Joseph Marchant, aged 2, and Mr Alan Granger, aged 40, both from London, got lost descending the mountain on Tuesday and walked 27 miles trying to find their bearings before seeking refuge in a mountain shelter.

Beauty spot plan brings protests

Tandridge District Council has received protests from hundreds of residents in east Surrey against government pro-posals for an M25 motorway service area in Titsey Wood, in an area of outstanding natural

beauty.

The council's planning committee is to call for a public inquiry if the scheme is not

A Gnat jet trainer aircraft, which has completed its useful life at RAF Valley, Gwynedd, setting out on its last journey, being towed across a lailway bridge on a flat-topped trolley.

Ulster ends Act restricting workers

Northern Ireland's Safeguarding of Employment Act, brought in by the Stormont Government in 1947 to protect the interests of Ulster workers, is to end on Saturday.

When the United Kingdom joined the EEC it was required long found on prison premises for an unlawful purpose. He was fined £25. joined the EEC at was required to comply with the policy of free movement of workers within the Community, but a special case was made in respect of Northern Ireland, where the restriction under the Act was accepted for a further five

Originally the Act was inten-ded to exclude workers, par-ticularly from the Irish Repub-lic, from taking up employment in Northern Ireland, where the

of the rest of the United King-

It also ensured that citizens of the Irish Republic or elsewhere, except in certain speci-fied categories, to whom permits were granted, would be unable to establish the necessary resi-dence qualifications that would give them the right to vote in Ulster elections.

Ulster elections.

Permits were granted to doctors, teachers, university professors, and those "in the service of the husband or wife of the employed person". The last mentioned gave an opportunity to the families of workers who could establish an industry in the tax take an industry in Ulster to take up employment and has enabled, for example, the owners of Chinese res-taurants to bring their families.

The latest statistics show between 4,000 and 5,000 people in the province with work permits, and the Department of Manpower Services does not believe that the removal of the ban will have any significant effect. In the past five years fewer than a hundred applica-tions for permits have been refused. Both the CBI and the remed to the termination of the restrictions.

Mr John Cushnahan, secre-

mr jonn Cusmanan, secre-tary of the Alliance Party, said yesterday that there were more jobs available in the republic than in Ulster. "In fact," he said, "the traffic has been the other way." The Social Democratic and Labour Party welcomed the ending of "a ridiculous situa-tion".

Social workers see success in only a third of cases

they had achieved their aims in only a third of the cases

they dealt with.

The study, published today in the British Journal of Social Work, monitored the work of the intake unit in an area office of Southampton social service department for a year. of 2,500 cases referred to the office, only 6 per cent were still receiving continuous social work help five months after the end of the study year-Nearly half the cases were closed within a week of being

By a Staff Reporter the social service department social workers interviewed withdrew, either because it for a research study felt that had not the appropriate rethey had achieved their aims sources to meet the client's needs, or because other cases were deemed to have higher priority. The social workers saw as their first priority the provision of protective services for the most vulnerable groups, the very young and heipless, and the very old and disabled. The researchers suggest that that tendency may be leading to the build-up of a "chronic population" of social work

The British Journal of Social Work, 7-3, 1977 (British Association of Social Workers, 16 Kent Street, Birmingham, B5 5RD).

seen as threat to rare wildlife

is threatening rare wildlife at one of southern England's last remaining wetlands, Amberley Wildbrooks, West Sussex.

Under the plan about 900 acres of the river Arun's flood plain at the foot of the South Downs would be drained. Conservationists fear that would ruin the scientific value of the area, which is used by Bewick's swans, widgeon, teal and shov-

If the scheme is approved the Ministry of Agriculture would provide four fifths of the cost In a letter to Mr Silkin, Mr Christopher Hall, director of the CPRE, points out that the Nature Conservancy Council is

of far right killed on Rome street

WEST EUROPE

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Dec 28

Politician

The latest victim of renewed or continuous for continuous reservations of reneweu political violence in Italy is Angelo Pistolesi. a member of the extreme right, who was killed here today with a pistolesion in the back as he left home for work His assassination follows the

vounding during the Christmas weekend of two young people of the extreme left. However, it is by no means certain that today's death is the inevitable result of a swing of the pendulum of violence from left to right. Signor Pistolesi's life was somewhat complicated. He is well known here for having accompanied the ex-

treme right-wing deputy, Signor Sandro Saccucci, to the hill town of Sezze Romano during the 1976 general election and to have driven him out of the town in a car after a Communist youth had been killed. Signor Saccucci then fled to Lon-

Signor Pistolesi was charged with complicity in homicide but remained under acrest only briefly. A decision had yet to be taken on whether he should stand trial. He had also had other clashes with the law. Police believe that his killer was controled behind a telephone booth outside the block of flats in which Signor Pistolesi lived. He was about to step into his orange Volkswagen to drive to the offices of the elec-tricity board where he worked Signor Pistolesi was a candi-date in the far right wing lists in the 1976 local government

The governing Christian Democrats today continued their efforts to find some way of avoiding either the collapse of their minority administration or a recourse to another gen-eral election. Talk of an election in present circumstances was described today by Signor Ugo la Malfa, the Republican leader, as "the ultimate folly". In two interviews he called or an emergency government including the Communists to meet a situation which he feels threatens disaster. "The more I think of this situation", he stated, "the more I think there is no other road. It is a coun-

country. Signor Giorgio Napolitano, the leading Communist spokesman on the economy, said today that only with the Communists in Government could there be the necessary decisive change. He pointed out that to save the country, measures were needed which would be painful not only

try increasingly cut off from

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a South American

for the privileged classes.
On this point, the Government has yet to hear the final answer of the trade unions on whether they will insist on the general strike planned for midanuary. At the moment there seems to be little chance of persuading them to abandon the



General Antonio de Spínola, who led the April, 1974, overthrow of the Caetano regime and was first President of the new republic until September, 1974, when he was accused of involvement in a right-wing coup attempt, rides with his grandchildren on his estate at Cascais.

Dr Soares will try to form new government

From Jose Shercliff

Lisbon, Dec 28 Dr Soares, the Portuguese Socialist Leader, has accepted the invitation of President Eanes to try to form a second constitutional government.

Constitutional government.

The first constitutional Government, which came into power in July last year and was also headed by Dr Soores, was overthrown by the parliamentary opposition parties earlier this month after the Prime

Dr Soares said today that he would attempt to form a govern-

Bonn buys 80 from prison

From Our Correspondent

the other parties.

Discussions falled to establish a platform of agreement earlier this month, but in the past few days President Eanes has had intensive talks with the party leaders, and it would appear that some softening of party attitudes has taken place in the pasional interest in the national interest.

The Social and Christian Democrats have insisted on a tripartite government excluding the Communists. Dr Cun-hal, the Communist leader, has previously said that his party does not insist upon participa-

West Berliners were released from prison in East Germany in time to spend Christmas with their families. A substantial their families. A substantial offences. This reduces the many payment by the West German ber of West Germans in E government enabled them to be German jails to about 400.

freed before serving their full

tenced for trying to belo East Germans to escape to the West and for currency and traffic offences. This reduces the num-

In Barcelona, about 400 right-wingers gathered vesterday to attend a Requient Mass for victims of terrorism. They later assembled on the church's steps, raised their arms in a fascist

hymn: Face to the Sun. On Tenerife island in the Conaries, bombs damaged a bank and a supermarket yester-day. The separatist Movement for the Self-determination and

Neo-Nazis

boast of

Spain

Madrid, Dec 28

attacks in

From Harry Debelius

Right-wing extremists have claimed responsibility for

destroying a Basque priest's car and the Bilbao offices of the Spanish Communist Party over

the Christmas weekend, reports

The Bilboo newspaper El Corre Español v El Pueblo Vasco said that a spokesman for the "Adolf Hitler Commandos"

telephoned its editorial offices yesterday to claim responsibility

for the Sen-determination and Independence of the Canary Islands, led from Algeria by Senor Antonio Cubillo, a Span-ish exile, is suspected. In Irun the Pasque separatist movement ETA claimed responsibility for a bomb which recently wrecked the water works. They argued that the price of water was too high.

In Galdacano, also in the The price of services, which had risen by 1.1 per cent in October and 0.7 per cent in October and 0.7 per cent in September, was also kept in check by the Government's unpopular attempts last month to restrain abuses by cafes and restaurants, which had a certain effect of infimidation, according to Le Monde.

But prices of manufactured goods went up by 0.7 per cent Easque region, three armed men believed to be members of ETA injacked a larry carrying nearly a ton of plastic explosives today,

after overpowering the driver
A general court martial
sentenced Captain José sentenced Captain José Ignacio Dominguez, an Air Force officer to seven years' jail and dismissed from the armed forces for his part in the unauthorized Democratic Milirary Union. Captain Dominguez will nor

have to serve his term because of a recent amnesty. one excludes increases in coffee and cotoa, which together account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end one figure account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end one figure account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end one figure account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end of cotoas account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end of cotoas account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end of cotoas account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end of cotoas account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end of cotoas account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end of cotoas account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end of cotoas account for one point, over the past year, we shall at the end of cotoas account for one point, over the past year, with negative effects and the "Christmas butter" on the overall price index, are cent amnesty.

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Inflation rate decreases in France From Our Own Correspondent of 1977 achieve a rate of inflation of 8 per cent to 8.5 per down. M Barre, the French Prime Minister, may at last be on the way to succeeding in his battle against inflation. The November index must be against inflation in the price of services, which had nise to 0.7 p

regarded as a real improvement in the price trend. Although those of December, 1976, and January, 1977, were in fact lower—0.3 per cent in each case—this result was achieved by artificial means: the block-

ainst the ar price index per cent.

If the December index is of the same order, the rate of inflation for the year 1977 will stand at 9.5 per cent—about 1 and a reduction of value tax in the second.

The improvement is lorgely in Note than in 1976.

Without the Government's prices and of services, which had been responsible for the auximissiation plan, however, the inflation this year would had been responsible for the tax in November, compared with 0.6 per cent in October.

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Life term for woman terrorist From Our Correspondent

Frau Verena Becker, a member of the Baader-Minhof terrorist group, was today sentenced to life imprisonment by a Stuttgart court for ermed robbery and the attempted murder of six policemen. When Frau Becker, who is 25, was brought into the court room she hit out at people around her and said that she

was not prepared to listen to the verdict. Six court officers were needed to control her before she was excluded at the request of the prosecution. The court heard that when she was arrested last May near West Germany's border

Switzerland, Fran Becker tried to kill policemen to prevent her arrest, and that she con-tinued to fire at an injured policeman Frau Becker was arrested for the first time in 1972 when she took part in a bomb attack on the British Yacht Club in Berlin in which a man was

killed.

She was one of five prisoners freed in March, 1975, and flown to South Yemen in exchange for the release of Herr Peter Lorenz, West German authorities learnt in November, 1976, that Frau Becker had undergone training for hijackers in a camp of the Popular Front for

goods went up by 0.7 per cent in November. Textiles were the main culprit. Profit margins

appear to have benefited re-tailers more than manufacturers

and the unit cost of manpower

rose by 7 per cent in 1977, as the result of a low industrial production combined with an

If you smell gas, remember the simple safety rules:-

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and we're on call 24 hours a day. We'll come quickly and deal with the problem. And if you smell gas at work or in the street, please report it at once.

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Sir Richard Marsh criticized by MP Sir Richard Marsh, chairman in a BBC radio interview on claims that Parliament has no the Newspaper Publishers Tuesday. Sir Richard said that power." Tuesday. Sir Richard said that power." When Sir Richard's executive the real political policy-making the real political political politics. men of the British Railways was now done outside Partia-

Board, was accused yesterday be Mc William Molloy, Labour MP for Ealing, North, of being "Swivel-chair executive", becuse, he said, Sir Richard's comments akered according to he lob he was in.

In nearly a third of all cases

ment between ministers, the CBI and the trade unions.
Mr Molloy said of Str Richard: "When he left the chelrmanship of British Rail he then complement that Parliathen complained that Parliato be was in.

ment had too much power and was interfering too much with nationalized industries. Now he

chair was answerable to the British people "he complains about the interference of Parliament, but when it is answerable to no one he complains that Parliament has no power.

"It must be a swivel chair that he has, so he can face the, way he wants to when its suits his purpose."

Water scheme is By a Staff Reporter

A £300,000 drainage scheme

The Council for the Protecion of Rural England (CPRE) has stepped in to ask Mr Silkin the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food, to call a public inquiry into the Southern Water Authority proposal, which would drastically alter the water-table and the land-

eler as winter shelter.

proposing to designate about 600 acres of the area as an official site of scientific interest.

Turkish President demands more protection for academics after attempt to murder professor

point last night with an attempt

Department of the School of Engineering, was watching television at home when the door-hell rang, according to university sources of the freedom of Turkey since Mr Demirel's education and the lack of the second coalition Government took power last August to 116 dead and more than 900 configurations.

Staff ".

His wife answered and two young men said they wanted to speak to the professor. She went in to tell her husband, and the campus.

Staff ".

Professor Sanalan is known as a social-democrat, but not as a prominent political figure on the campus.

President Fahri Koruturk

more before the attackers fled. Professor Sanaian, hit mainly in the throat and the abdomen, was later reported in a serious the threat and the abdomen, was later reported in a serious unidentified people shot dead Idealism is known or saverek, three youth branch, me was later reported in a serious unidentified people shot dead Idealism is known or saverek, three youth branch, me wouth orange, me winders is known or saverek, three youth branch, me unidentified people shot dead Idealism is known or saverek, three youth branch, me wouth orange, me youth branch, me thought of dead Idealism is known or saverek, three youth branch, me thought of dead Idealism is known or saverek, three youth branch, me the local industrial school.

In Ankara this evening, accuse part of the saveral men thought to be right wing militants opened fire on ing to the fact the university. Turkey's fourth orange, me

'Perjury' by

in US bribes

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Dec 28
In a move apparently
designed to persuade witnesses
to be more forthcoming about
South Korean buying of influence on Capitol Hill, a congressional committee has
accused a senior secretary of
perjury and obstruction during
its investigations.

The ethics committee of the House of Representatives, which is looking into the so called "Koreagate scandal",

last night accused Miss Bonnie Robinson, executive secretary to Mr Lester Wolff, a New York Democrat, of removing

or destroying documents and then lying to investigators

rbout them.

Miss Robinson is alleged to have denied knowledge of the removal from a file of an address card for Mr Tongsun.

Purk a South Knowledge heinster.

Park a South Korean business-

nan who is reputed to have been a central figure in the

influence-buying scheme.
Congressional investigators are trying to persuade him to esturn to Washington from Soul, where he has taken

refuge, to testify.

Mr Wolff, who is chairman

the House international
clations sub-committee on
is and Pacific affairs, is
hown to have had a number

The ethics committee has no

nowers to prosecute Miss Robinson, but it could conceiv-

thly turn the case over to the

Justice Department for further

ection. This is, however, considered unlikely. The main pur-

pose of the accusations against

Miss Robinson seems to be to put pressure on her to be

missed Señor Hector Humeres.

head of the Constitutional Coun-

cil. after the council had tried to forbid a national referendum on human rights due to take

place next Wednesday. The referendum asks Chileans

if they agree with a recent

United Nations motion, alleging

that General Pipochet's Govern-

A "no" vote would be taken as a vote of confidence in the

of South Korean acquaintances, including Miss Suzi Park Thomson, a Korean-born secretary and hostess who reputedly had close contacts with the Korean Central Intelligence Calveston Texas Dec.

put pressure on her to be more helpful in providing evidence. It may also serve to orleans killed 35 people and encourage other potential witnesses on Capitol Hill to be sippi, on the same day killed two more.—AP, UPI.

Official dismissed for move

Santiago, Dec 28.—The Senor Benavides, his Interior Chilean Government today dis-

ment is violating human rights, and his replacement as head of A "no" vote would be taken the Constitutional Council by

Yesterday the Government decreed that voting would be nundatory for all Chileans over 18 and all foreign resions.

The decree was sized on Santiago streets,—Agence on Santiago streets,—Agence

to stop Chile referendum

secretary

inquiry

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, Dec 28
The political violence plagueing Turkey reached a new high

largest, with 14,000 students and just climbed into a taxi out800 teachers, placed black side the academy of architecwreaths in front of the Prime ture and engineering. Six
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to murder a professor at Ankara's Hacettepe University.

Professor Yalcin Sanalan, decided to close the university aged 40, head of the Physics for a year in the face of the The Hacettepe executive council announced that it had Department of the School of complete loss of the freedom of

the two youths, so far unidentified, pushed their way in, drew pistols and opened fire.

The professor was hit four times, fell, and was shot twice possible measures to ensure the possible measures to ensure the safety of Turkey's academics. Last night, in the eastern Turkish town of Siverek, three

Washington, Dec 28
Mr William Colby, a former

director of the Central Intelli-gence Agency (CIA), has urged Congress not to sever all links

between American intelligence agencies and journalists.

Nevertheless, he said he agreed with new guidelines adopted recently by Admiral Stansfield Turner, the present CIA director, which forbid

payments to journalists for information or assignments on behalf of the agency. Mr Colby, who ran the CIA from 1973 until last year, was the opening witness during a five-day hearing by the intelligence committee of the House of Representatives into CIA involvement with news organizations.

Predictably, his testimony and that of other retired CIA offi-

that of other retired CIA offi-cials failed to reveal details of specific missions carried out by the news media for the CIA, But it did highlight the prob-lems confronting the agency since it fell into disrepute for its role in the downfall of President Alleade of Chile and other political events.

12 die in third

Galveston, Texas, Dec 28.-

Rescuers dug through the rub-

ble of a grain elevator today

seeking survivors of an

explosion that pulled down the

But today the Constitutional

Council—the highest law-monitoring authority in the cruntry—declared the decree illegal Señor Humeres said that

another referendum decree, but it would have to be signed by all four members of the junta.

promptly by announcing the "retirement" of Senor Humeres

Senor Sergio Fernandez, the

people and injuring 23.

This was the third such disaster in under a week.
An explosion last Thursday on district administrative autonomy

Congress urged to let

CIA use journalists

were wounded. The driver of the taxi was reported in critical

condition with a head wound. The latest incidents brought the toll of political violence in

Many observers blamed the fact that the Demirel Govern-ment is likely to be ousted in a censure motion in Parliament

One of Mr Demirel's main One of Mr Demirel's main partners in the coalition is Colonel Alpaslan Turkes, head of the extreme right-wing Nationalist Action Party, whose youth branch, the "Hearths of Idealism" is known to be responsible for most of the violence. Progressive circles accuse part of the police force of helping the rightists, pointing to the fact that very few arrests are made.

use of the Peace Corps, the United States Information Agency, the Agency for Inter-national Development and the

Fulbright scholar scheme.

"Additional groups", he said,
"are clamouring to be admitted
into this charmed circle."

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To compensate for these losses, Mr Colby argued that certain federal agencies should be allowed to employ small numbers of intelligence officers "under proper administrative procedures."

Jerusalem, Dec 28.—The following is an official English version of the plan for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip presented by Mr Begin to the knesset today and which, according to the heading of the plan, would be "instituted upon the establishment of peace".

district administrative autonomy of the residents, by and for them, will be established.

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3. The residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district will elect an administrative council composed of 11 members. The administrative council will operate in accordance with the principles laid down in this paper.

4. Any resident 18 years old and above, without distinction of citizenship, or if stateless, is entitled to vote in the elections to the administrative council.

5. Any resident whose name is included in the list of candidates for the administrative council and who, on the day the list is submitted, is 25 years or above is entitled to be elected to the council.

Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, presses his case for support with President Tito during their meeting yesterday on the Yugoslav island of Brioni.

Cairo, Dec 28.—President Sadat today urged Israel to rethink its whole Middle East strategy after Sunday's summit with Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, which failed to produce agreement on the vital Palestinian question. He said another war with Israel was "unthinkable" but reiterated his opposition to the continued presence of Israeli troops on the West Bank of the River Jordan. Asked after a joint press con-

West Bank of the River Jordan.

Asked after a joint press conference with Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, to comment on Mr Begin's statement today that Israeli forces must remain on the West Bank, Mr Sadat said: "Egypt is against the presence of Israeli Forces on the West Bank."

Addressing the conference earlier, he said: "It is for Premier Begin to tell his people to reevaluate the whole situa-

procedures.
"This will no more discredit the work of those agencies than the proper performance of intelligence work under the firm guidelines and supervision now established will discredit the United States as a whole", he to reevaluate the whole situa-tion, especially after my visit to During his testimony, Mr Colby was frank enough to admit that some propaganda activities carried out by the CIA through the news media had their drawbacks. There had, for example, been cases where false information planted on a foreign

since it fell into disrepute for its role in the downfall of President Alleade of Chile and other political events.

Mr Colby said that restrictions built up over the past decade or so had caused considerable frustration and difficulty for the CIA in providing effective cover for intelligence agents.

In some such cases, the CIA had warned principal American news organizations to ignore the reports. But this would probably not be pessible now, Mr Colby conceded. The warning itself would probably no longer be treated confidentially and would itself make news, be added.

Full text of Begin plan for occupied lands

conference.

On the Palestinian issue, President Sadat said: "This issue we differed upon. They have proposed autonomy and we have proposed self-determination." He was confident, however, that the problem would be solved.

"Prime Minister Begin has already stated everything is negotiable, except the destruction of Israel; we agree with him upon this", he said.

The problem would be dealt with by the political committee.

to reevaluate the whole situation, especially after my visit to Jerusalem and his visit to Ismailia, which have really built new facts in the area and new conceptions and approaches to the whole problem."

Mr Sadat spoke soon after Mr Begin reported to the Israeli Knesset on the Christmas Day summit, sketching in the details so far unpublished of the plan he took there.

Asked to comment on Mr Begin's revelation before the plan, Egyptian troops would remain west of the Gidi and Mirla passes in the Sinai, Mr Sadat said: "Mr Begin has already put his plan before us but in this plan, as I said before, there are points of agreement."

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Herr Schmidt, asked whether he felt Israel had given enough, said the talks in Jerusalem and Ismailia had gone beyond exchanging opening statements but it was not the end of the story. "Some further developments are necessary", he said. The method used by the two leaders to make progress, including the formation of the two committees, "carries some promise".

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The newspaper said that states that signed the final statement of the Tripoli summit on December 8, Syria, Libya, Algeria, South Yemen, with the Palestine Liberation Organization, would be invited to the Algiers summit. President Boumedienne would try to persuade Iran to join this "rejection front".

Iraq attended the Tripoli summit but refused to sign the final statement to express its opposition to any negotiated settlement to the Arab-Israel conflict.—Reuter, UPI, Agence France-Presse.

Dessa Trevisan writes from Belgrade: President Tito and Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, conferred on Briori island today about the Middle East structure.

Mr Arafat arrived in Yugo-slavia yesterday in what is evidentity an effort to secure re-affirmation of Yugoslav support afirmation of Yugoslav support for the PLO and its inclusion in any talks concerning a settlement in the Middle East.

Heath visit: Mr Heath, the former Prime Minister, flew to Cairo, where he will meet President Sadet before flying to Amman for talks with King Hussin.

Pretoria go-ahead for nuclear plant likely

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, Dec 28
South Africa is expected to

announce early in the new year a decision to go shead with the construction of a nuclear fuel. However, a final decision still has to be taken on its size. It would be the sixth uranium

enrichment plant in the world.
The others have been or are being built by Britain, the United States, the Sovier Union, the Netherlands and France. It would be constructed to the plant will use an enrichment process pioneered by the ot Valindabu, north-west of Johannesburg, where a pilor plant is circady in operation.

The expected decision to go ahead with the project has been influenced by official concerning the concerning the concerning the concerning the constitution of that sanctions against South Africa will be stepped up dur-ing the next few years. In particular, the South Africans fear that the United States may

refuse to supply enriched uranium ordered for the new nuclear power station which a French consortium is building nuclear power station which a French consortium is building at Koeberg, near Cape Town. The Americans are already withholding supplies for South Africa's only existing reactor.

According to reports in South Africa a contract for the plant has already been awarded to a local concern called Murray and Roberts. One of the company's subsidiaries built the pilot project at Valindaba.

However, Dr A. J. A. Roux, president of the South African Atomic Energy Board and chairman of the Uranium Enrichment Corporation, said today that it was "premature" to talk abour contracts being placed. He added that the size of the plant had not been decided and would not be finalized until next year.

stood to be considering two possible schemes, one costing about \$200m and the other

twice as much. with the construction of a transium eurichment plant for duce about 5,060 tons of nuclear fuel. However, a final enriched uranium a year and would take at least six years to complete. The smaller plant could be finished by 1982 or

ment process pioneered by the South Africans which is known as the "stationary walled centrituge" system, The uranium will come from South Africa's own mines. It is the largest uranium producer in Africa and processes a quarter of the world's known reserves.

A decision to build the plant will inevitably raise fears in black Africa and elsewhere that South Africa will use it for non-peaceful purposes. South Africa has hitherto insisted that it is developing its nuclear industry for peaceful uses only and has promised that an enrichment plant would be operated under international safeguards.

However, such disclaimers have not quelled foreign speculation that the country has the capacity to develop nuclear weapons, if it has not already done so. There were reports earlier this year, originating from the Soviet Union, that South Africa was about to explode a nuclear device in the Kalahari Desert. These were denied.

South Africa lost its seat on the board of the International Atomic Energy Authority last June.

South African bishops close black theological college From Our Own Correspondent closed because of the dwin-

Bophuthatswana, near Pretoria after two bishops had carried In recent years the college has developed a reputation as the was conducted after Mr Sebidi cradle of the Black Conscious- and another lecturer at the college has a more recent and another lecturer at the college has a more recent and another lecturer at the college has a more recent and another lecturer at the college has a more recent and another lecturer at the college has a more recent and another lecturer at the college has a more recent and another lecturer at the college has a more recent and a mor

the Southern African Bishops' nings of Black Consciousness Conference of the Catholic leaders and organizations on Church, the sentinary is being October 19.

From Our Own Correspondent closed because of the dwinfing number of students. South Africa's only Roman Catholic theological college for blacks has closed its doors and a dispute has broken out between militant black priests and the Church's hierarchy over the reasons for the closed because of the dwinfing number of students. There were only 18 seminarians there before Christmas and fewer than 10 had enrolled for next year. However, the Rev Lebamang Sebidi, the seminary's rector, has alleged that the college is being closed because some sure.

The college is St Peter's bishops feel it has become a Theological Seminary at Hammanskraal, on the edge of the northernmost fragment of Rophurhatswana near Petersia. THE NAME OF THE PARTY OF THE PA

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Relgrade, Dec 28.—Boris Spassky, of the Soviet Union, the former world chess cham-pion, tonight beat his self-eviled comparior. Viktor

exiled compatrion Viktor korchnoi, in the thirteenth of

their 20-game series to find a challenger to Anatoly Karpov,

challenger to Anatoty Nat pov, the present champion.

Korchnoi, playing white, resigned after playing the thirty-third move, when he overlooked the loss of his queen. He still leads 71-51, but

but Spassky has won the last three games.

Korchnoi made his blunder

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China looks Korchnoi the machine

China enters 1978 with an air of confidence and energy disturbed only by the intimation of future conflicts among

The concept of national The concept of national unity is expected to be inshrined in the National People's Congress to be held early in the year. Hand in hand with the idea of unity goes that of discipline which the leadership has spent the past year trying to make an the past year trying

farm machinery.
China continues to explore

the possibilities of large new imports of technology, machinery and weapons from the capitalist countries. Commentaries in Soviet publications show rising alarm at this There have been reports of Korchnoi alleging that "rays" are being directed at him from the audience. His request conight for curtains between players and spectators was refused.

strategy seems to be one of confusing both actual enemies

pursued.

The emphasis clearly is on internal affairs, with foreign policy being held at arm's length through a combination of reconciliatory and intransistent attitudes. -Leading article, page 9

exist, it proposes for the sake of the agreement and the peace, that the question of sovereignty be left open. open. 25. With regard to the administration of the Holy Places of the tiree religions in Jerusalem, a special proposal will be drawn up and submitted that will include the From David Bonavia

Hongkong, Dec 28

members of all families to the shrines holy to them.

26. These principles will be subject to review after a live-year period.

Sinal desert. The following is an unofficial translation of Mr Begin's outline of the future of the Sinal desert in a peace treaty with its leaders.

to impose on the people. Emphasis is being placed on huge increases in output of

in an even position. His second, the British grandmaster Raymond Keen, said: "This is incredible. Korchnoi rarely makes such mistakes. He was under no time pressure, and I dou't know what bappened."

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trend. Taken all in all, the Chinese

outline of the intere of the Shar desert in a peace treaty with Egypt:
Demilitarization: The Egyptian army will not move beyond the Giddi and Mitteh line. Between the Suez Canal and this line the limited-forces agreement will continue to obtain. Israell settlements will remain where they are. These settlements will be kinked to Israeli administration and law. They will be defended by an Israeli force. I repeat this sentence for reasons known to every member of the House: they will be defended by an Israeli force. A transition period of a few years, during which Israeli armed forces will hold a defence line in the middle of Sinal and maintain air bases and Israeli early-warning mechanisms: until the withdrawal of our forces to the international frontier. and extential friends in order to obtain the strongest possible bargaining position, while the internal economic build-up is

game on Monday were:
White Spassky, black Korchrol.
French Defence.

The moves of the twelfth

over 18 and all foreign resi-donts. The decree was signed on Santiago streets.—Agence by President Pinochet and France-Presse and UPI. Somalia appeals to West for protection

Teheran, Dec 28.—"The invasion of Somalia has begun".

Wednesday's air raids in Northern Somalia were reported a press conference here today.

The United States must "fulfil its moral responsibility".

President Barre said he had written a message to President Carter and left it with the Shah of Lam. It would be delivered crews carried out the raid.

Teheran, Dec 28.—"The invasion of Somalia has begun".

Wednesday's air raids in words from the West", instead of material aid, even after he expelled Soviet experts from Somalia a month ago. Soviet arms supplies to Ethiopia, he said. He would not elaborate, however, on his hint that Russian air tries of the region, including from "—UPL". of Iran. It would be delivered crews corried out the raid. when Mr Carter arrived on New Year's Eye.

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official news agency. Sonna.—

present wait-and-see He said he regretted that he Agence Presse. should act now and change row.

President Barre addressed the

"In the interest of regional round of talks with the Shah. down yesterday by anti-aircraft and world peace, the United He had arrived here yesterday guns when they raided Hargeisa and Berbera, according to the

Vietnam-Cambodia fighting reported

Iran ".—UPL Mogadishu, Dec 28.—Six news conference after a second Ethiopian aircraft were shot

Carter tour follows a tradition, says New York Times columnist

America still land of hope for people in trouble

From James Reston Washington, Dec 23

The turn of the year for most people in this country is a brief and happy holiday. For the old, it is a time of memory, for the young, a time of hope. For most people in the rest of the world, however, it is just another day on the calen-dar—a hangover from ancient struggles or last night's But in this city, while the

conflicts between memory and hope go on, the predominant spirit here is still with the optimists, the innovators, the people who think we can do better in the coming year. You can scarcely go any-where in this crowded, distracted and pessimistic world these days without feeling the force

and Mr Begin of Israel fail to a gree about the Palestinians the politics of hope.

India and elsewhere arguing of the personant politics of memory and for the optimistic politics and a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East? Yes, but maybe the United States could find a way to make them see that some progress had been made and some that some progress had been made and some compromise was still possible.

Was there no way to bring the moderate Arab states to the side of Mr Sadar? Well, President Carter was going to Iron on New Year's Night and would talk to the Shah of Iran and King Husam of Jordan about what could be done, and maybe they could find a way out of

the dilemmas.

Last week, Mr Carter was talking to the Japanese about adjusting their trade balance with the United States, and urging the leaders of the House of Representatives and the

nations is doing so much as Mr Carter to avoid tribal war in Africa, trade war among the in-dustrial nations, nuclear war and an arms race among the most powerful nations, or enother war and oil embargo in the Middle East. China is standing apart, try-ing to use Washington to bal-

ance its power and its struggles

conflicts.

Even Europe is breaking down into nationalistic political

Washington has intervened in all of these struggles too much, the least that can be said is that it has intervened on the side This is why, for reasons that

many people do not quite under-stand, Mr Carter is going off-to Eastern Europe, the Middle East, India and elsewhere at the turn of the new year: to re-mind people, as the historian Arthur Schlesinger has put it, with Moscow. The Soviet union is not being helpful in this critical moment when of hope in an age of memory, linally resolve their ancient the United States and in the uni in human liberty, and in the possibilities of change and im-

Indian's death in

police custody

Johannesburg, Dec -28.—The death in police enstody on Christmas Day of a 27-year-old Indian, identified as Mr Vella Pillay, was announced here No reason for his detention or his death was given. Mr Pillay was a shopkeeper in Lenasia, Johannesburg's Indian township. He was married with

ive children.—Agence France

5.000 marijuana plants found on farm

Toowoomba, Queensland, Dec 28.—Police found about 5,000 marijuana planis under cultiva tion when they raided a form near here. Two men have been

formarily Saigon, diplomatic reported having heard artillery sources reported today. The sources said that the Military observers estimated vietnamese had brought in the that a quarter of Cambodia's democratic Kampuchea and crack Ninth Division, which 80,000 regular troops were threatening its security. crack Ninth Division, which 80,000 regular troops were threatening its security. Though Cambodia has not by Soviet-made 130mm rapid-fire guns. T62 tanks and a dozen American made Sky Raider reported at least 2,000 Vietna-

Bangkok, Dec 28.-Cambo- fighter bombers seized in Viet- mese killed

Eagskok, Dec 28.—Cambodian and Victuamese armed forces are fighting each other in the "Parrot's Beak" province of Svay Rieng, some 50 miles from Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, diplomatic sources reported today.

The Victuamese and the Cambodians have alluded to was in Tay Ninh district, a few miles from Ho Chi Minh City, miles north of the "Parrot's Radio Phnom Penh on Sunday urged "revolutionary troops in Sources reported today.

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6. The administrative council will be elected by general, direct, personal equal and secret ballor.

7. The period of office of the administrative council will be four years from the day of its election.

8. The administrative council will sit in Bethlehem.

9. All the administrative affairs relating to the Arab residents of the areas of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district will be under the direction and within the competence of the administrative council.

10. The administrative council will operate the following departments: education religious affairs, finance, transportation, construction and housing, industry, commerce and tourism,

lished of representatives of Israel, Jordan and the administrative council to examine existing legislation in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district and to determine which legislation will continue in force, which will be abolished and what will be the competence of the administrative council to promulgate regulations. The rulings of the committee will be adopted by unanimous decisions.

20. Residents of Israel will be entitled to acquire land and settle in the areas of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district. Arabs, residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district who in accordance with the free options grauned them, will be the continual and the same of Judea, Samaria and the care options grauned them, will be the continual and the care options grauned them, will be continually accordance with the free options grauned them, will be continually accordance with the free options grauned them, will be continued to the continual transitions of the continual transiti ornes.

12. The administrative council will elect its own chairman.

13. The first session of the administrative council will be convened 30 days after the publication of the election results.

agriculture, health, labour and social welfare, rehabilitation of refugees, and the department for the administration of insuice and the supervision of the local police forces, and promulgate regulations relating to the operations of these departments.

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11. Security and public order in the areas of Judea, Samarla and the Gaza district will be the responsibility of the Israeli authorities.

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vened 30 days after the publication of the election results.

14. Residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district, without distinction of chizenship, or if stareless, will be granted free choice (option) of either Israeli or Jordanian citizenship.

15. A resident of the areas of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district who requests Israeli citizenship will be granted such citizenship will be granted such citizenship in accordance with the citizenship in accordance with the citizenship is a district who, in accordance with the right of free option, choose Israeli citizenship, will be entitled to vote for, and be elected to the Knesset in accordance with the election isw.

17. Residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district who are citizens of Jordan or who, in accordance with the right of free option will become citizens of Jordan, will elect and be eligible for election to the Parliament of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in accordance with the election law of that country.

18. Questions arising from the

the Parliament of the Rashemite Kingdom of Jordan in accordance with the election law of that country.

18. Questions arising from the vote to the Jordanian Parliament by residents of Judea, Samaria and interest. The Gaza district will be clarified in 19. A committee will be established to the Rashemite Government of Jordan for deliveration on matters of common by residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district. In the knowledge that other claims

of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district who in accordance with the free options granted them, will become Israeli citizens, will be entitled to acquire land and settle in Israel.

21. A committee will be established of representatives of Israel, Jordan and the administrative council to determine norms of immigration to the areas of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district. The committee will determine the norms whereby Arab refugees residing outside Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district will be permitted to immigrate to these areas in reasonable numbers. The ruling of the committee will be adopted by unanimous decision.

22. Residents of Israel and residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district will be assured of movement and freedom of economic activity in Israel, Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district.

23. The administrative council will appoint one of its members to represent the council the fore the Government of Israel for deliberation on matters of common interest; and one of its members to

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Orpheus in the Underground

Stanley Reynolds

Although John Wells lifting the legend of Orpheus might seem a trifle pretentious and setting ir in the London Underground Circle Line with Orpheus as a street busker downright silly, there was some extremely good music by Carl Davis, with lyrics by Mr Wells, and Orpheus in the Underground was a most pleasant half hour on BBC 2 on Tuesday.

on Tuesday.

This was billed as "a television pop opera", with Mr. Wells, tongue in cheek, styling himself with nothing less than writing "the libretto". The songs, eight in all, with no falk in between, varied considerably within the limits of pop: folksy ballads, love songs, a couple of duets, a bit of choral work, and a nice satiric piece, saying think of all the trees that had to be cut down to make the morning down to make the morning papers, think of the nudes they had to go through to make the

and joarna Carim as Eurygice.
The main burden fell upon Mr
Litman's voice, but Miss Carlin
also sang very well. In the end,
which was a 1- ppy ending, Mr
Wells, the "- enist, showed how
nicely a simple story can be told
in song; there was nothing prerentious or silly about the piece. It was easy-going, sometimes touching, sometimes satiric, with none of that freuzied wasted energy which so often; in a desperate attempt to enter-

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news. This was sung over-pictures of grim-faced folk go-ing down the stairs of the Underground and photos of

nude girls in the newspapers.
Parhaps that was a mundane thought in spine of Mr Wells's genuinely witty lyrics. But there were some surprises, both musically, and visually. Directed by Kenneth Conden the shores. by Kenneth Corden, the choreo-graphy was by Gillian Gregory, who created a superb little scene when the passengers in a Tube train started dancing.
Unlike, say, the customers in a
supermarket suddenly walning
to the muzak in a tired comedy
show, this scene did not appear

silly or sentimental. Jalian Littman was Orpheus and Joanne Carlin his Eurydice. tain, destroys telévision musicals.

Nottingham Forest. Their uncle, the Sheriff of Nottingham, is every bit as wicked as he needs to be, and the battle between his evil and the babes' innocent goodness is fought where it should be, with the babes and the hired killers who naturally relent, but Robin does very little for his reputation in Wimbledon's Babes in the Wood.

Answay, I know it is the

Anyway, I know it is the robbers who are meant to matter in the production, other-wise they would not be Windsor wise they would not be Windsor Davies and Don Estelle, recruited from the television series, It Ain't Half Hot Mum, Mr Davies is easily villainous, calling on his image as a gruff sergeant major to instil enmity in the children, and Mr Estelle's diminutive stature and gentle manner make him the obvious ally. illy.

Given that so much of the production is devoted to their clowning, it is disappointing that they do not make more of their limelight. Only when dis-guised as new pupils, disrupting the classroom of Don Smoothey's pantomime dame, and when toping with a cut-top haunted house do they set rate haunted house, do they set a fast comic pace, and then they are aided by the mishaps which plague Jim "Nik Nik" Davidson as Simon.

Mr Estelle, at least, is an able singer, and he and Mr Davies are able to offer their hitparade version of "Whispering Grass" after they have spared the babes, and each other, from gristy deaths. Mr Davidson's moments in the spodlight are embellished only by jokes about Scots, the Irish, West Indians and ugly women. and ugly women.

Elsewhere, Mr Smoothey's dame keeps things moving along fairly rapidly between the big fairly rapidly between the big production numbers which feature the Rita King Dancers and, once, the Waltzing Waters. Of the two, the dancers are somewhat more graceful and personable, and the waters more colourful. If Bill Robertou did not aim so much for speciacle, he would have a modestly pleasing pantomime, as it is he has a modest spectacular which may have more fortunate performances than the one I saw when his comedians can think of jokes to fill the pauses in their patter.

The Tree That Woke Up

Upstream Theatre

Irving Wardle

The Upstream Theatre Club is an unsubsidized Christian outfit with a nicely appointed little theatre in St Andrews, Short Street, bang opposite the Young Vic, not to mention the Vic itself and the National Theatre, whose wardrobe costs on one about each Inshow could doubtless keep Up-stream in luxury for years. A great deal of labour and skill have gone into the trans-formation of what used to be a church ball; and as the Up-stream fourual justly points out; the old spirit of the Vic has evaporate! from The Cut, our, the old spirit of the Vic has evaporare I from The Cut, and the meths drinkers have returned. It does not go on to claim the mantle of Lilian Baylis, but that is the implication, at which point I feel like offering my respects to a group of friendly and dedicated people and leaving it at that. Unfortunately, some comment is also required on Murray Watts's play.

I think it is an attempt to combine the Book of Genesis with the Christmas story: at all events, its centrepiece is a large hollow tree inhabited by a

events, its centrepiece is a large hollow tree inhabited by a "wanderer" called Robin, who witnesses the Annunciation, follows the Hely Couple to Bethlehem (where the same tree is growing in the manger) and finally delivers the Nunc Dimittis bafore the tree blossoms with fairy lights.

Specialists in Christian iconography may be able to decipher Mr Watts's allegoxy but I cannot understand why the tree's failure to flower should have aroused the Almighty's displessure (we never find out if it was a flowering tree in the first place); why the Hawthorn and the Ivy should have been held to blame and demolished with a righteous thunderbolt; who Robin is, and whether or not the birth of Christ is supposed to have transported us all back to the Garden of Eden. The Christmas story itself is quite delicately handled, with touches of domestic comedy reminiscent of the miracle plays and capable melodramatic inven-

tion in the repeated returns of the villainous Mr Thorn (Matthew Francis) as the Inn Keeper and Herod. David Cook's music varying from unaccompanied carols to electronic ostinatos, is an attractive feature of Jeremy James Taylor's production; and there is an open, down-to-earth Mary by Alison Christie-Murray.

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Composer of A Chorus Line

Marvin Hamlisch is the man who wrote the score for A Chorus Line. The fact that he also did the Scott Joplin arrangements for The Sting and composed original sound track themes for The Way We Were and the new Bond thriller The Spy Who Loved Me makes him just about the most successful music man in most successful music man in the business at present: three Oscars, four Grammies and a sacre in the Pulitzer Prize for Chorus Line cannot be altogether bad for a man who is not yet 34, and tomorrow the BBC gives him its seal of approval with a televised concert from the Albert Hall at which Mr Hamlisch conducts the Royal Philharmonic in a concert of his own music. Recently he was to be found with his good friend and lyricist. Carole Bayer Seger, in a suite at the Savoy while he prepared for the concert and kept a watchful eye on the now all English Chorus Line cast at Drury Lane:

"People may be inclined to think of it as Michael Ben-nert's show, because any musi-cal as revolutionary as that is bound to owe a very great deal to its director. But once they start to sing on that stage it's my show—and they sing for more than half the evening."

Hamlisch was a rehearsal planist and dance-music arranger who got lucky; his father had been in the business, playing in hotel dance-hands and later forming his own small orchestra, and Ham-lisch started as a second-string arranger on shows like Funny

"But my career really started with a cocktail party in started with a cocktail party in Sam Spiegel's penthouse; I was going to music school at Queen's College and doing these Broadway jobs on the side when another rehearsal pianist couldn't play for some party or other so he called me and I said arrangement that I didn't other so be called the and I said arrogately that I didn't play parties, but then he said it was for Spiegel and I was round there in 10 minutes." Spiegel liked what he heard and sent Hamisch out to Hollywood to score an otherwise disastrous Burt Laccaster picture called *The Swimmer*. Thirteen films followed, of which the Bond has been the most recent:
"The problem with a film

like The Spy Who Loved Me. is that they're commissioning a brit: can you imagine being the only Bond composer who didn't get into the charts? I agreed that we needed a sexy title (Nobody Does It Better) but I wanted a soft-selling song which recolaring the recolution.



Marvin Hamlisch

has turned down four other big movies: "I'm not exactly looking for work, and though I'm happy being a musician (though I might have been a dentist if I could stand the sight of blood) I can't bear to work on movies which I don't like the look of. Besides which, I'm not starving and I don't I'm not starving and I don't have a family to support, so why bother? My sister is a why bother? My sister is a casting director out in California, my fother died six months ago, my mother is full-time into the Jewish motherhood business, and Chorus Line has taken care of all the worries for a white.

"I've yet to make a record of my own, mainly because I'm afraid it'll have a terrible middhe of the road stench, and that'll amnoy all the kids who still buy my work when other people perform it."

Also I like to work a lot on cast-change perfect in Chicago Sundays, which is wby I live in and that he'd better move on New York. I worry a lot more about my life than I used to, but there's a limit to how much worrying a man can do Oceans (for The Sing and The Oceans (for Th

"But life is a lot less funny now other people worry about me: in the old days, you had a failure, you went to Sardi's, had a Coke and forgot. Now the stakes are a lot higher and suddenly it's the Albert Hall and the lights are on and people are staring a lot too closely." After the concert Hamlisch

but I wanted a soft-selling song which people in the production thought was too slow and too cool. All the same we got to number seven in the charts over here and to number three in America a great country."

Since the Bord, Hamlisch

Still buy my work when other people in the production to the people perform it."

After the concert Hamlisch went back to Broadway to work on the cast Michael sepnett musical: "For mouths after Chorus Line opened Michael travelled from town to town about suntans and tennis and on weekends: they have the best lawns and they have the best lawns and the wouldn't go down to

Hamlisch got his three Oscars (for The Sting and The much worrying a man can do.

I mean, if every time you woke up and looked in the shaving mirror you said to yourself 'Stephen Sondheim and Andre Previn are slive today too' you'd get straight back into bed, worldn't you?

The cheques for those scores

The straight and with a splendid lack of mock-humility: "I think". he told the audience at the beginning of his third acceptance into bed, worldn't you?

The cheques for those scores ance speech, "we may now address each other as friends." The cheques for those scores are still happily passing through his fingers on their way to a bank he's thinking of buying, and if things get tough there are jobs still waiting for him in Vegas, where he once wrote capacit scares for Minwrote cabaret scores for Min-nelli and Joel Grey. Consider-ing that he wrote the whole of Chorus Line for a pre-first night advance of just \$900, things haven't worked out too badly. He was, however, when I left him, considering whether it would be best to return to New York aboard the Laker Skytrain. Marvin Hamlisch is a

Sheridan Morley

Five concertos for the home team

Pierre Boulez's departure from the New York Philharmonic has not meant a lessening of the orchestra's commitment to contemporary music, although the direction of that commitment has unquestionably changed. One of the board of

directors of the orchestra underwrote a series of five commissions with an intriguing twist. They were to be concertos for first-desk men of the orchestra. The idea was apposite because the Philharmonic boasts some superior first-desk players (notably Stanley Drucker, the clarinerist and Thomas Stacy, the English horn player), who rarely get a chance to be spotlighted as soloists.

The commissions were given to a range of American composers, young and old, who are in the broad mainstream of contemporary music making, rather than on its frontiers. Perhans they were chosen to demon-strate the continuing visbility of what could be termed the ninercenth-century concept of the symphony orchestra, and of forms that have been honoured by the passage of time. Cer-

tainly none of the four com-missions played this fall boasts the individuality that still attaches to any major work of Varese, or even the omnivorous exploration of the possibilities still inherent in the traditional performing forces of an Elliott Carter.

The slightest work was a conthe singuest work was a con-certo for English horn by Vin-cent Persichetti, a dim evoca-tion of the kind of American nostaleia that was popular in the Thurties and Forcies. The concerto for four percussionists of Michael Colgrass made, as one can imagine, a good deal of timbral clatter, most of which timbral clatter, most of which was easy on the ears, but Colgrass's music-making tends toward slickness rather than substance, and the Siren temptations that lie in the vast array of "kitchen equipment" developed by today's composers only heighten the facile elements in Colgrass's work.

Andrew Imbria's expected for

Andrew Imbrie's concerto for flute had much more to say. Imbrie is a respected exemplar of the denser style of composi-tion, but paradoxically that very denseness worked against him heredom. The remaining comhere, for Imbrie insisted on pitting the flute against the whole orchestra. This confronted in the 1978-79 season. the problem of the concerto.

the flute became submerged in the orchestral fabric—a quality accentuated by the soloist Julius Baker's lack of virtuoso temperament. The programme notes said that Baker was working on a flute and piano reduc-tion of the concerto, and it seemed that this might be the proper setting for the work.

The final premiere was the best: John Corigliano's concerto for clarinet. Corigliano, a young man who has already written a large number of works, shows a constant ficir for the dramatic with a solid and imaginative musical mind. The middle move-ment elegy, in memory of his father, the long-time leader of the orchestra, was noble and emotive writing, while the final movement homage to the anti-phonal Gabrieli solved the prob-lems of mass and solo with éclat and verve, and was cheered by musical mind. The middle move the subscription audience, who were probably unaware that part of the compositional process lay in the employment of various serial rows, which the New York Times critic continues to assure us is the way to musical boredom. The remaining com-

Patrick J. Smith

Fugue was Romantic, strongly coloured, and almost sounded

compliment. Beethoven's Son-ata Op. 2 No. 3 was full of youthful vehemence, the steely strength implied in Bach's

Fugue here being more overt.

Serieuses are extremely testing, but none of their hurdles caused Miss Sugitani a

moment's hesitation, and she also showed an acute apprecia-

tion of the argument that un-folds behind this work's con-stant changes of emphasis. Debussy's Pour le piano is the

kind of music we by now expect oriental artists to excel

in, and it did in fact receive an

outstanding performance. For instance, the harmonic adven-ture of the Sarabande ras

keenly pointed despite this

being an oblique piece, veiled in expression. Miss Sugitani

made the most, also, of the extreme contrast produced by

the following Toccara's furious

Variations

Mendelssohn's

Max Harrison

Barry Millington

Parlour Quartet

Wigmore Hall

The Cordial Soirée of Christmas Treats presented on Tuesday evening at the Wigmore Hall by the Parlour Quarter was in es-sence a sequence of Victorian songs, duets, trios and piano pieces hisked by witty conversation and some sparing staging.

The idea is an excellent one, for a series of items of scant musical substance and of even less poetic subtlety can well be emhanced by dramatic interest such as the false modesty of rival arristes. The feigned hore-dom of the baritone, Mr Robert-Carpenter Turner, at the extra-vagant piano variations on "Home, Sweet Home", for example, provoked from us in the audience the necessary element

However, the humour of the dialogue, particularly in the first part, was frequently too transparent, not to say puerilewell, I suppose it is the panto season—to provide the best pos-sible framework for such an entertainment. A little tightening up and the act will be a great success.

Certainly Mr Carpenter Tur-ner has histrionic flair, which in a ballad like "Signor Macstinger" can make up for his tendency to substitute loudsoft alternations for more subtle modulations of his fine, power-"The Newfoundland Dog"
might have been pitched a little
closer to self-parody with advantageous effect, though I admit this can be a hazardous course to follow.

The Parlour Quartet, which is completed by the talented Misses Sylvia Eaves and Maureen Keerch and Mr Kenneth Barclay on the pianoforts, did well to choose a programme which, if often of only mediocre undity was not at least every quality, was not at least over-laden with sentimentality. "The Children's Home" was the only piece in which that became overbearing : all too often children seem to have brought out the worst in the Victorians.

New American thriller

Ray Cooney Ltd, by arrangement with Robert S. Fishko and Stockton Eriggle, will present Sian Phillips and Paul Daneman in Spme Chiller, a new play by the American writer George Baxt, which will open at the Duke of York's Theatre on January 5, with public previews from January

Spine Chiller will also have in it the American actor Samuel E. Wright, Liz Geb-hardt and Grechen Franklin, with Gerard Hely, Christine Shaw, Michael Malnick and Harry Ditson. The production will be directed by the American director, Stockton Briggle, and designed by Hugh Durrant. and designed by Hugh Durrant.

London debuts

as a conflagration between tage. hands and keys, gave no idea of his real powers. He was better Another pienist, Geneviève like a Liszt or Busoni trans-attuned to Chepin's Grande Chauveau, was fluent, too, and cription—which from me is a produced 2 pleasing rone in compliment. Beethoven's Sonto some exhilarating virtuoso outbursts, and to Liszr's Vallee d'Obermann, especially its more dramatic pages. Of still greater impact was Liszr's Scherzo and March, a major yet virtually unknown work of 1851. Mr Viera's performance was masterful not only in its command of the real perception, the general tion of the music's harsh and

unrelenting message. Our ignorance of Villa-Lobos is as discreditable as our ignor-ance of Liszt, and the early Floral Suite proved, with its touches of bitomakty, to be less bucolic than the title suggests. Its three orief movements are, in fact, highly coloured yet never too self-consciously picturesque, and Mr Viera's was a finely idiomatic performance. In Villa-Lobos's later Rude-poema the keyboard writing is now extremely inventive, even anticipating Messiaen, and this is music of pungent originality. This, indeed, is a major piece, one of the group of twentiethcentury piano classics inspired

Good things sometimes start by Artur Rubinstein (cf Szyma-badly, and Amaral Viera's in-flated account of Haydn's last prismo sonata, conceived purely as a conflagration between

Ravel's Barne ser Pocean, but she often sounded unduly tur-bulent even allowing for this piece's suggestions of the sea. In the larger and more elaboThere was a splendid rhythmic
rate structure of Schumann's tautness throughout, together
Fantasy Op 17 this lack of discipline naturally had more
serious consequences, and while

Mendelssohn's Variations there were fleeting moments of

Miss Chauveau was more in sympathy with Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition and her reading was aptly positive, large-boned, and made a vivid experience of "Baba-Yaga". Unfortunately, much significant detail was glossed over hurriedpressions were created only to be destroyed almost ly, so that repeatedly good imdestroyed almost at once. And while there was plenty of activity in, say, "Limoges Mar-ket", there was no repose in " The Old Castle ".

Shoko Sugitani had the usual Japanese pianistic virtues of arabesques. Altogether this quick fingers, a highly polished made an encouraging end to the

tone and resolute clarity of debut year.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Football

Forest philosophy has some refreshingly unusual ingredients

cal tour, convening province after province, Nottingham Forest last night converted the unbelievers of night converted the unbelievers of the far north-east. Before 40,000 spectators, a figure twice the Gallowgate average, Brian Clough's disciples bear Newcastle United without needing to rise to the heights of brilliance shown in the hundiation of Manchester United. The top first division places are:

who have swallowed football miswho have swallowed football mis-sionaries whole, and once invaded the pitch in an infamous cup tie against Forest, were ultimately reduced to growls of frustrated acceptance as Forest preached the novel football philosophy that now places Mr Clough's team five points ahead of the rest of the first division.

It is a philosophy with some It is a philosophy with some refreshingly unusual ingredient in these days wheat enterprise and invention are held on a tight rein.

Mr Clough's adventurers did things like pushing 10 men forward for free kicks and corner kicks. It was from a corner that Forest scored their first goal, Needham back-heading past Carriers. Polyecteris cross.

Needham back-heading past Carr from Robertson's cross.

At other times, Forest showed such unorthodoxy that when first a header and then a shot were scrambled away from the Newcastle goal, the ettackers responsible were Anderson and Barrett, the full backs.

Furthermore, and most remarkably, when the Newcastle attack, belatedly aroused, was buzzing around Shikon's goal, Forest cooner-attacked with such speed that only Bowyer's loss of control

of ground closures feared

Graham Hostop, general man-ager of Millwall, said yesterday ager of Millwall, said yesterday that the closing of football grounds was not the way to deal with the problem of hooliganism.

A large body of local residents are seeking legal advice to find out if they can have football banned at Millwall following the trouble that occurred after the Boxing Day game with Tottenham Hotsour.

Hotspur.
Mr Hostop said: "If we are closed down, then most of the other clubs in the country will "This is a problem for society in general and not for football alone. It is highlighted in soccer because it is always in the public eye. If the hooligan minority that every club has did not cause trouble on grounds, then they would cause it somewhere clse. The snowballing effect would be

Football results

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Like missionaries on an evangelical tour, conversing province after rance effort against the angle.
No thought of desperate defence
as Forest resuscitated the unfashionable ideal that attack is the testionable ideal that attack is the best form of defence. Time and again Newcastle launched an im-potent flurty around Shilton's goal, only to find Bowyer, Gen-mill, Woodcock and O'Neill scampering to the other end with perfect control and absolute faith

P W D L F A Pts 22 15 4 3 41 13 34 22 11 7 4 45 27 29 22 12 5 5 31 17 29 22 12 6 5 28 16 28 and McGovern decided that it was worthwhile having an angled shot that once invaded as a centre. In the event, it as a centre. In the event, it struck the leg of the luckless Barker and flew past Carr into

Newcastle had one second-half moment when the crowd's roar reached the volume for which it is famous. Cassidy's shot spun off a defender, young Robinson raced whippetlike after it, and screwed a shot across the face of the goal. Another visiting side might have been glad to scramble the ball away for a corner or a throw-in. Forest promptly took the ball to the other end and had the Newcastle defence in a state of near paric.

'Snowball' effect | Wimbledon draw after twice falling behind

Five minutes before half time Leslie equalized and Wimbledon might have gone in leading if a Summerill shot had not been disallowed shortly afterwards.

anowen snortly atterwards.

A 53rd minute penalty by
Laidiaw gave Doncaster a 3—2
lead after Lestie had brought
down Doncaster's Habbin but five
minutes later Parsons again put
Wimbledon level.

Wimbledon level.

Summerill had earlier been booked for dissent and the referee booked three players in four minutes shortly after Parsons's goal—Robinson, Reed and then Leslie—and in the first minute of injury time Robinson was sent off, a culmination to a long battle with Leslie.

Bristol City's seven directors have each loaned the club £10,000 Stephen Kew, the chairman, said:

This is not a result of pressure
from the bank but will give our
manager, Alan Dicks, a certain freedom to negotiate for players." The club's overdraft is £240,000.

Gary Simpson, Chesterfield's promising 18-year-old forward, spent Christmas with his leg in plaster and will be out of action

Yachting

Penando safe again after big sea and air search

Sydney, Dec 28.—The storm-tossed survivors in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race were battling rough seas in Bass straight tonight after more than a third of the starters had been forced out of the classic by gale-force winds. Latest reports said the wind had fallen slightly, but race officials expected more withdrawals over-night.

night. Fifty-one yachts out of the 130 which started the race two days ago were reported out of the event tonight. They were battered out by mountainous seas in the gale-whipped Tasman sea. A big sea and air search, mounted after the six-man crew of the New Zealand shoop Penando had radiced they were shiring with called off they were stuking, was called off when the yacht sailed safety into Ulladulta, about 120 miles south of here, eight hours after the

of here, cight hours after the distress call.

The skipper, Jack Allan, explained that he had broadcast the May-day call because Penando had sprung a plank just above the keel and had taken water fast. The crew were able to make temporary canaire and spr the yacht. ne crew were able to make temporary repairs and get the wacht under way again, but they were unable to broadcast this information, as water had soaked the batterles which powered the radio.

Two Australian yachts—Matika, sailed by Tony Pearson, and Mulloka, skippered by C. Wilkinson—

oard in an its steering damaged.
All three are out of the race. Another withdrawal, Britain's Xaviera arrived in Sydney with a yard-long split in its hull. The crew had to bale continuously for three hours after patching the leak with a board braced in place by tubing from a bunk,

The skipper Steeber Lance with The skipper, Stephen Jones, said the damage had been caused after Xaviera had been sailing for hours in winds of up to 50 knots. "We in winds of up to 50 knots. "We fell into a wave trough and maybe we hit something and stove in the side", he said.

"You can say we were pretty scared", Pat Lilley, a crewman, said. The big American kerches, Kialoa and Windward Passage, showed every sign of continuing their struggle for the lead right to the cud of the 630-mile race. On positions received tonight, Klaloa was about three miles ahead of Windward Passage, skippered by Fetz Lohnson of Oreson. pered by Fritz Johnson of Oregon. They had about 200 miles to go to reach the finish in Hobart. Apollo (Jack Rooklyn, New South Wales) trailed Windward Passage by 35 miles, with the big Australian kerch, Anaconda II (Josko Grubic, South Australia), five miles further back.—Reuter.

Motor racing

Alfa Romeo may enter Formula One events

automobile company Alfa Romeo is in the advance stages of building a Formula One race car and may a Forning the face car and may try it out in the final races of the 1978 season, the newspaper Gazzetta Dello Sport said.

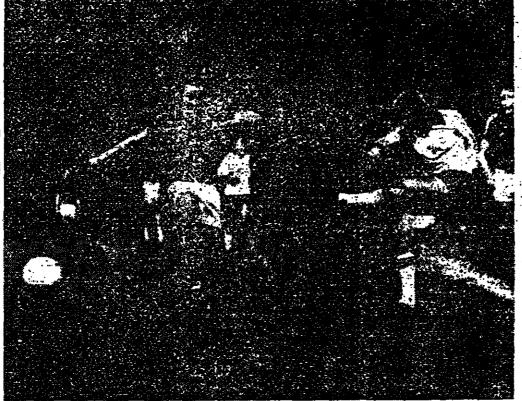
The newspaper quoted the Alfa Romeo racing manager, Carlo Chiti, as saying the company's decision on whether to enter formula One tricing directly.

the fastest they have not won any races. Brabbam has hired the

Milan, Dec 28.—The Italian reigning world champion driver, atomobile company Alfa Romeo Niki Landa, of Austria, to help out John Watson, of Northern Ireland, for the coming season.
Asked if and when Alfa Romeo
would build and race its own
Formula One cars, Mr Chid told the 1978 season, the newspaper Gazzetta Dello Sport said.

The newspaper quoted the Alfa Romeo racing manager, Carlo Chiti, as saying the company's decision on whether to enter formula One racing directly depends on the results of its collaboration with the British Brabham firm.

Alfa Romeo has been supplying Brabham with its powerful 12-cylinder engines on a contract basis for the past two seasons and though the cars have been among the fastest they have not won any races. Brabham has hired the



Margerrison (right) scores Fulham's second goal.

Mullery's unhappy homecoming

manager, Alan Mullery, as Ful-ham, watched by their largest crowd of the season, maintained their good home run and Brighton They were unfortunate not to get at least a point last night in a

The leading positions in the

twice in the first five usinutes. A snap shot by Horton brought out the best in Peyton and Clark was only just too high from 20 yards. But it was Fulham who scored Cottage as the new Mullary, hit to Steele's right. It was his first goal for the chib.

He and his colleagues were oon busy at the other end as Brighton pressed for an equalizer.

Evans cleared a Maybank effort
off the line and Ward should have scored when his skill took him clear, but his shot finished in the side netting. Maybank came closest with a fine shot on the turn which

Fulham doggedly withstood this pressure, looked dangerous on the break and Evenson squan-dered a good chance with a bad

But with the interval in sight, Margercison made it 2-0 following an Evans cross which was helped on its way by Mitchell. Less than two mimites later, Clark hit the crossbar from 20 yards, but Fulham took their halftime refuge in the famous cortage undoubtedly happy with the way things were going.

The second half was only 11 minutes old when Mr Mullery brought an extra forward into his team, Mellor replacing Cattlin. But it was Maybank who reduced the deficit as he rose well in head home Williams's cross from the left. This came only seconds after

Horton was cautioned for a foul on Money and, a minute later. Money for retaliating with a his way into the referee's notebook for upending Ward and, hereneeded a calming infinence. It certainly did not have it in Mr Daniels, who seemed unable to recognize hand ball or when to allow advantage. He also ignored some bad tackles.

The final minutes were a freuzy The final minutes were a freuzy of activity as Brighton strove to get the equalizer they deserved and Fusham defended desperately. Mellor, Ward and O'Sullivan all went close. The best chance of all fell to Fusham's Mahoney only for Clark to save the day with a fine tackle. Clark was the game's outstanding player and he had good support from the combative Horton. Fulham's youngsters continue to improve.

Tueart opts for move to Continent

Dennis Tueart, Manchester City's one of the top Continental sides.

ugland international winger,

Arsenal's surker Malcolm Macdouald will be fit for Saturday's yesterday rejected the chance of joining Manchester United—because he wants to play abroad instead. The clubs agreed terms of around £300,000, but City's chairman Peter Swales said:

"United inquired about Tuesari immediately regarded as a doubt-ful category with our reports."

"United inquired about Tuesari immediately regarded as a doubt-ful category for the Everton march. rejected the chance of and in keeping with our promise, approach. But we never got round to taking terms with Dennis because he said that he preferred

Tueart could now be set to join the increasing flow of players moving abroad for higher wages and lower tax demands. He has scored regularly this season, despite the worstes of a long spell on the transfer list—and this should make Tucart a target for

immentative y regarded as a countrial starter for the Everton match.

Mr Nexil said: "It was a bad gash indeed, but contrary to reports, it didn't need any stitches. Malcoim played on with the jujury. He's a big, strong fellow, nothing will prevent him playing at Goodison." Mr Neill also contessed to a

ar Nein also confesses to a crop of other lumps and bumps—the worst belonging to the Irish international tato of O'Leary, Brady and Neisou—but they are also certain to play in an unchanged side.

things couldn't be better at the

moment."

Mr Neill expects to have his championship-chasing party. Mr Neill expects to have his championship-chasing party strengthened considerably within the next fortright. Hudson has had the plaster removed from his injured ankle, Powling is almost ready to return after a carillage operation and Matthews should have recovered fully from a broken toe which was sustained on Christmas Eve. Powling played in the first five matches of the season and scored twice.

Limp display England well in black against bankers

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Lahore, Dec 28

Lance, Dec 28
In an icy blast, blowing from
the north, an England eleven beat
the Habib Bank here today in a
lightnearted limited over match. In
reply to 166 for seven by the
Englishmen the bankers, or more
accurately those on the payroll
of the bank, made 103 for seven. Gordon Jago must be considered forturate to have exchanged the grim realities of life at The Den of the Bank, made 103 for seven.

Though currently the holders of
two of the first-class competitions
played in Pakistan (the Quad-EAzam Trophy) and the Pentaugular
Trophy) Habib were reinforced
today by two from Pakistan International Airways, Talat Ali and
Hassan Jamil, whom the national
collectors were been to see. It is Theo Foley, his acting managerial successor, has now nothing to show for his four matches in selectors were keen to see. It is from big business and the banks that Pakistan cricket must eventu-ally turn for the money to reward their players better than they do.

"I was absolutely embar-rassed", he said afterwards.
"Football is all about 22 guys in compenion, and I expected at least some of my side to have had a go! Cardiff are a bad side too", he added, " and this game was really between two third division sides."

leaves

problems

By Gareth Bowen

Foley with

Jimmy Andrews, the Cardiff manager, who has been deeply in trouble himself, replied that his side had played well—even if the game had not solved his many-problems. These include deep feuding in the boardroom which led to the departure of the chairman, Stefan Terleski, and a much published dispute with his recent

Rovers, seem to be improving. Their important away draws on Mouday against Tottenham and Brighton respectively must give them heart for the New Year. The bottom placings are:

Mr Foley's unhappy views must not be allowed to detract from the brilliance of three of Cardiff's goals, one of which was the equal of any seen at Ninian Park this season. It was Healey, making only his fourth appearance of the season in goal after a troublesome ankle injury, who began it with a swift throw to Bishop on the halfway line: this young and promising Cardiff striker made ground down the touchime before switching inside to Robson. He swept the ball into the path of Buchatan and his volley went sweetly into the

to Robson. He swept the ball into the path of Buchatan and his volley went sweetly into the corner of the net.

This goal, after 23 minutes, and a fluke lob from Bishop in the second minute which may have been helped in by Millwall's nuhappy centre-half, Kitchener, seemed to destroy all the London lide's endeavour.

It was quick passing from this tight midfield to Ariley which set up Cardiff's two second-half goals. In each case, he broke away down the right and centred accurately for Robson and Buchanau to beat a spreadeagled defence.

Mr Foley can take a crumb of comfort from the courageous display in attack of Seasman, who tested Healey several times, and the deserved penalty awarded by the indecisive referce, Mr Turner, for a foul by Dwyer, which Brisley converted on the stroke of time. Millwall's acting manager is now faced with immensa Brisley converted on the stroke of time. Mill wall's acting manager is now faced with immense problems and Cardiff's supporters were left with a miggling suspicion that this famous victory may have proved nothing.

CARDIFF CITY: R. Bosley: P. Dyrer, F. Pediant A. Cambbell, R. Cardinan, R. Robou, R. Biston, B. Atlay

Mill Wall: R. Goddard: D. Onaldson, J. Moore, T. Brisley, H. KRchener (sub. T. Lee 52 inin), T. Razell, R. Cross, J. Scarman, T. Taug, B. Hamilton, B. Chambers, R. Referse; D. Turner. (Camnock, Smitprofelies).

While still damp at the start the pitch presented certain problems. The hank's orthodox spinners turned the ball quite appreciable, their faster bowlers made the odd one behave strangely, as when Roope was caught at short midwicket off something that "stopped". The best hit of the English indings tame from Botham, a pull for six; the shortest stay was by Edmonds, who with the owns running out was caught on the midwicket houndary off a reli-

Hydershad is a grassless as expected Edmonds may get a game there on the grounds that a third spin bowler might be of

their players better than they do. Habib (et al) bowled and fielded well, but found the English bowling too accurate to be collared. Their two Test players, Talat Ali and Miandad both made nought. Of the up-and-coming ones Mansoor Akhtar and Wahid Mirza, co-heiders of that world record opening partnership of 561, looked full of promise in the short time that they were on show. Akhtar before he was run out coing for a third run to Lever at third man. I suppose you could say that it is a commentary on the quality of their record that Mirza batted no higher than number eight this afternoon.

afternoon.

In a third wicket partnership of 73 between Boycott and Randall the batsmen had brought the best out in each other. Although tour of Boycott's last six innings have been hundreds, of divers kinds, he has not, in fact, been at his best. This morning he played better for looking more relaxed. Randall got him going between the wickets, too.

King outstanding in fast West Indies victory

Adejaide, Dec 28.-A West produced 59 runs before Lloyd Indian XI wasted no time in scor-World XI by five wickets in a one-day World Series Cricket match at the Adelaide football

Watched by a crowd of 7,166, the West Indians took only 195 manutes to reach a target of 184, sooring 187 for five wickets in 38.7 overs. Richards got the West Indians off to a brisk start despite the loss of opening barsmen Rowe with the rotal ar six. Richards delighted with his drives, hitting five fours as he reached 50 in 102 minutes.

After Michaels a thomas a man of the Libyd, the capitain, who had asked the World XI to bat first, teamed up with Collie King to score 50 in 59 minutes for the fifth wicket. The partnership

produced 59 runs before Lloyd was dismissed for 24.
King, unbeaten on 62, was the outstanding player of the day, ite hit with great power and his landings included six fours, mainly drives on both sides of the wicket at the outy six of the match, at the only six of the match, at towering hook off John Snow.

Earlier, the World XI appeared to be in a sound position at 103 for two before they deteriorated to 184. Barry Richards was the top scorer with 39, but he still

Majid Khan, of Pakistan, played Mand Anas, of Parkstan, played a more attractive innings, scoring 32 off only 36 bails before being brilliantly run out by Richards with a fast return from the covers, world XI: 184 (M. Holdings 2 for 14).

WEST INDIAN XI: 187 for SiV. Richards 52, C. King 62).—Reput.

Sarfraz rejects offer

Sattraz Nawaz, the Fakistani hast bowler, yesterday turned down an offer from three Pakistani businessmen in London to spousor his return to Test cricket.

Sattraz flew to London last ended Satfraz's financial grievance after the first Test match received one or two other offers against England complaining that ngans; angana complaining that the Paldstan Cricket Board had broken financial agreements with him and were refusing to give him any say in selection and

him any say in selection and tactics.

The offer came earlier today from a syndicate headed by Mr Iftikhar Maroof, a supermarket owner, who said: "We feel Sariraz is one of the best players we have and has been very badly treated." Sarfraz said : "This is a matter of principle. Their offer was very generous and I appreciate it but

the board should pay me this money. The only other alternative is that I will play as an amateur, and pay all my own expenses.

Mr Iftikhar said that he and his friends were willing to wait to see if Sarfraz changed his mind. "Sarfraz stood by his country when other players signed for Kerry Packer. We are cricket enthusiasts and we feel the board has been harsh on him. He is a good player and the team will be very weak without him.", he said.

Rosewall in quarter-finals after three-hour struggle

Melbourne, Dec 28.—Vitas good shot at the right time ", he Gerulaitis, the top seed, was the only remaining American contending for the Australian Open title as it reached the quarter-final Alau a little off balance." ing for the Australian Open title as it reached the quarter-final stage here today. In darkening light, Genulaitis easily defeated Dick Bohristedt, a countryman,

Two Englishmen, John Lloyd and Robin Drysdale, are the only and Robin Drysdale, are the only other overseas obstacles to the possibility of an Australian winger. The tournament, wrecked by rain, staggered through today's play under the threat of further washouts from dark clouds.

A confident Gerulaitis will meet Ray Ruffells, a left-handed Australian Davis Cup player, in a quarterfinal match tomorrow. In the other matches for semi-final places ken Rosewall will play John Alexander, John Newcombe meets John Lloyd and Drysdale classes with Rob Glidnan.

Rosewall resumed his match with Alan Stone today at two-all and deuce. The pair battled for more than three hours before the 43-year-old Rosewall won, 6—4, 4—6, 6—4, 4—6, 9—7, after surviving several ancious moments in the propracted last set

protracted last set.
Rosewall clinched victory with
a service break in the sixteenth
game. "Fortunately I made a

Scaulon, who has a casual approach on court, made a spectacular comeback against Alexander to take the second set Alexander to take the second sec. 7—6 on the tie-break after trailing 2—6. But he then collapsed under the serve-volley game of Alexander, who described the American as an awkward oppo-

There were no surprises in the

Athletics

Marathon that spans two years Sao Faulo, Dec 28.—Athletes from 25 countries began to arrive here today for the traditional New Year's Eve round-the-houses

The race is due to start before midnight on Saturday utget in the hope that it will end as close to the new year as possible. The favourites include Samson Kimobwa, of Kenya, the 10,000-metres world record holder.—

Impressive win by Moorcroft Wanganui, New Zealand, Dec 29. David Moorcroft, of Britain, raced

to an impressive victory over jos-

Hermens, of the Netherlands in

a 3,000 metres event here last

The 24-year-old Moorcroft thrilled a crowd of 4,000 with a fine display of front-running to win in 8min 0.3sec, 1.2 seconds

better than Hermens.---Reuter.

Calendar of sport The Times calendar of world sport for 1978 will appear intomorrow's editions.

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A scattering of crumbs from the multitudinous feasts of one man's year

Year of disappearing superstars

Dylan Thomas once gave a radio talk called *The Crumbs of One Mon's Year*, and he began it as follows: "Slung as though in a hammock, or a lull, between one Christmas for ever over and a New Year nearing full of relentless surprises, waywardly and gladly I pry back at those wizening 12 months and see only a waltzing snippet of the tipsy-turvy times, flickers of vistas, flashes of queer fishes, patches and chequers of a bard's-eye

Thomas remembered the little things, the

crumbs. But in the sportsman's world, the poet's, it is the fashion, during this season of facing both ways, to remember, or pretend to remember, only the big things. (Thomas again: "'Look back, back', the big voices clarion, 'look back at the black colossal year', while the rich music fanfares and dead-marches"). We lump those big things together, label the result a review, and subside into nation with the deamer in translate harmonically the result a review, and subside into nation. wide indulgence in insular hero worship. What do I remember about the sporting life of 1977? Well, first, there seemed to be fewer "superstars" than there were in 1976. Now I do not happen to believe in superstars" in any department of life, least of all sport, but I know there are people who do, or at any rate talk and behave as though they do, encouraged by the headlines, and I doubt if they enjoyed a vintage year.

Just cast your mind back to 1976, the year of the big heat. Then they had James Hunt, John Curry and David Wilkie—those three above all, I should guess. They were "superstars", if you must, the talk of the town, temporary Nelsons on temporary columns. They did well—though perhaps their greatest achievement was to remain sane and human, more or less, through-out their public ordeal by hyperbole. There was nobody quite like them in 1977, because there was nobody quite so new, comparatively. There is no "super-star" like a new "superstar", who can somehow make even clichés sound fresh. Virginia Wade won Wimbledon for the first time and Bjorn Borg won it for the second. Muhammad Ali retained the world heavyweight championship. Geoffrey Boycott scored his hundredth hundred, and in

Cup (but lost his job). Nicholas Faldo distinguished himself in the Ryder Cup. Red Rum won the Grand National for the But these are all, except Faldo, house-hold names. They have been in the national consciousness a long time. Miss Wade won

a Test march, too. Tommy Docherty, represented by Manchester United, won the FA

given up hope that she would ever do so. Borg has survived teenage idolatry to become a great player. The results of Ali's bours are now as predictable as the sun rising in the east. Boycott had to score his hundredth hundred sooner or later. Mr Docherty has only to change trains at Crewe to go straight to the top of the back pages. Faldo is best left alone until he wins a few important events, preferably including the Open: otherwise the praise heaped on him after the Ryder Cup will-come to sound more like a death-knell than a paean. As for Red Rum, he is a horse and therefore a special case.

There were collective feats also. Liver-

pool won the League championship and the European Cup. Scotland qualified for the World Cup. Pre-Packer England regained the Ashes from pre-Packer Australia. France achieved the grand slam and Wales won the triple crown in rugby. But it is individuals, not teams, that people remember longest. And if anybody complains that I have unaccountably omitted some favourite of theirs, I can only remind them that this is not an encyclopaedia. That brings me to a lucky dip of the

little things, the crumbs of my year:
Wondering why commentators get so
excited when a man who is exorbitantly paid to score goals, centuries, or anything else actually scores one.

Listening (on the radio) to Laurie Knight scoring the All Black's winning try in the fourth international against the Lions and reflecting that five in the morning is no time for tholing such a disappointment.

Judging that there is nothing wrong with football that could not be put right by the mysterious disappearance of certain

Reading that Miss Wade spent the morning of the Wimbledon final listening to Rachmaninov's second symphony. Deciding, as somebody who dislikes crowds, that a game like hockey may be luckier than it knows for not being a spectator sport.
Watching a rugby match in the grounds

of Udny Castle, near Aberdeen, and speculating as to how many—or how few-teams have a castle for a home. Hearing about a bowls club on the south coast where the average age of the members is so high that the flag is perperually at half mast. Following, in the small print, the exploits of the Rev W. E. Gladstone on

the croquet lawn.



Thinking that Red Rum should be eemed sports personality of the year if only for making no comment.

I myself cannot end this tale with the right irrelevance. Dylan Thomas can He emembered walking along a river bank one afternoon, seeing a pièce of paper drifting in the water, and thinking that something wonderful night be written on it—". a message from multirudinous nowhere to my solirary self." So he caught it with his stick.

"It was a page torn from a very old periodical", he told his radio andience soon after the end of the second world war. "That I could see I leant over and read, through water, the message on the rippling page. I made out, with difficulty, only one sentence: ir commemorated the fact that, over a hundred years ago, a man in Worcester, had, for a bet, eaten, at one sitting, fifty two pounds of plums."

Gordon Allan

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Why connexions have taken right decision on Border Incident

By Michael Seeks.

Border Incident the lost spectacular steeplechaser in training, will mass the Cheitenam Gold Cup. After a conference between Richard Head, the trainer, Anthony Marchader, the owner, and two veterinary surgeons. Head said yesterday: In view of the doubt about Border Incident's leg it must be wise to rest him until near season which I am confident that he will be a 100 per emit alright.

This must be the right recision. The strain imposed on a locase's limbs, in the cur and thinst of racing over fences is immense. And the heaf that there was in Border Incident's leg a formight ago was negare's warning that it was time to call a half. Although Border Incident's deparment from this season's race all inevitably rob in of much of its glamour, the trainer is to be congrulated on his prudence.

The wheat is certainly being street from the chaff as far as the Gold Cup is concerned. After the King George VI Steeplechase it looks as though the younger brigade are going to be the chief challengers to Fort Devon in March. Neither Brown Lad now Royal Frolit exactly covered themselves with glory on Boring Day. Bachelor's Hall, Midnight Court and Uncle Bing now appear to represent the main threat to Fort Devon.

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to represent the main threat to Fort Devon.

Incidentally, Fred Winter fold Michael Phillips at Kembron Park on Tuesday his reasons for choosing The Dealer as his representative for the Embassy Premier Steeplechase Flual at Haydock Park at the end of January, rather than his brilliant Accordingly that the end of January, rather than his brilliant Accordingly set on the Gold Cup for the Manupion trainer has his sights firmly set on the Gold Cup for Mrs Olive Jackson's structured. And after Midnight Court's busy and after Midnight Court's busy and after Midnight Court's busy and after hiddight court of the Haydock prize, which is

or the Haydock prize, which is lwoys such a highly competitive One of the older generation who

ground is soft Tamalin is still one of the best staying specifichasers in the land. This afternoon at Newcastle Alan Metralife's 10 year-old can prove the point by defying top weight in the Northumbria. Handicap Steeplechase.

Handicap Steephechase.

After a lean spell last season tamelin has been in sparkling form this autonin. After an easy victory at Carlisle in November, the gelding twice tasted defeat, first when narrowly defeated by The Last Light at Wetherby and then behald Bachelor's Hall in the Hannessy Cognac Gold Cup.

begin those occasions the soing was far too fast for this midlark.

At Newcastic last time out how. At Newcastic last for this modlark.

At Newcastic last time out, however, it was a different story.

After Brown Barmen had fallen at the third fence from home when thing in the lead. Tamalin raced clean away from The Last Light to troubce him by five lengths. And to endorse the value of that effort. The Last Light has subsequently gained another gallant victory at Carlisle.

Of his opponents were there were

gained another gallant victory at Carlisle.

Of his opponents, More Weyward and Cartislet have both been running consistently well. But the only barrier to Tamalin's path to success must surely be Remeth Oliver's Roughling Jack, who, successfully made the transition from novice to handicap company when accounting for Another Rainbow on this course earlier in the month.

Looking on the portly side.

north.

Looking on the portly side. Rambling Jark scored in convincing style. With the benefit he is sure to have derived from that race and with the assistance of the redoubtable John O'Nelli in the saddle, Rambling Jeck may prove a tough nut to crack in receipt of 21st from Tamain, who still remains a confident selection. However O'Nell fares on Rambling Jack, the leading rider can increase his incredible tally of winners by taking the Grouse Handicap Hurdle on Newgate. Both Colonel Nelson and Cleo's Asp won last time out for David Micholson and Gordon Richards, but Newgate's sequence of three but Newgate's sequence of three victories in succession was only brought to a balt when he fimshed third to Netherton and Mayhem on this course recently. This is gilt-edged form as Nether-

ton has since slammed Claudio Nicolai at Wetherby and Mayhem had previously besten Trainer's Seat at Newcastle. In a ticky, little affair, Newgate seams to be the soundest choice.

Richards gan continué winning way by capturing the Game Bird Novices Handicap-with Sun Lion David Nicholwith Sun Lion. David Nicholson's Prince Maythorn, is the better off at the weights for a 15-length beating but Sun Lion's sounder jumping should prevail. The Greystoke trainer can complete a treble by winning the first division of the Partridge Novices. Hurdle with Justafancy. The second division of this event should fall to Nellie's Lad who should fall to Nellie's Lad, who was looking all over a winner when coming to grief at the penultimate flight in Black Marker's race at Kelso. Nellie's Lad has the dual

Last season's Sun Alliance Steeple-chase winner ran well below his best benind Fhe-Last Light at Car-lisle. Although Tony Dickinson's six-year-old was found to be off colour after that race, he could not have been expected to con-cede the weight to the winner. Now reported to be fully recov-ered, Gay Spartan should be well-suited by this afternoon's three miles three furlongs and soft-ground.

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Bob Turnell could well be in
the money at Warwick. Peter
Grimes, who had useful form on
the flat when trained by Gavin
Pritchard-Gordon, turned in a
promising first effort over hurdles
when third to Nimrody and Ballyfin Lake at Sandown Park. Jim
Joel's four-year-old looks a banker
bet in the first division of the
Wasperton Novices Hurdle. The
Wiltshire trainer can also win the
second division of this race with
Andrew Patrick and the Moreton
Morrell Novices Steeplechase with
Snowshill Sallor.



Levaramoss behaves perfectly and thoroughly upsets Kybo

The enigmatic Levaramoss was on his best behaviour in Fontwell Park's Salmon Spray Hurdle yesterday. He made every yard of the running to devalue Champion Hurdle vouchers that Kybo's supported was halved to 25-1 by Rills.

going to the last flight.

Legaramess was still fully cooperative and, lengthening his
stride up the short fall, stayed on
to beer, Kybo by three lengths.
There was some criticism that
Levaramoss had been shown
favour at the start by being led
to. But that is a standard pracdice for the horse, and, as usual,
the permission of Dick Smalley,
the starter, had been obtained.

"Gonzalves deserves a lot of

the starter, had been obtained.

"Gonsalves deserves a lot of credit. He was nearly lynched after Levaramoss (who had virtually refused to start when 11-8 on) was beaten here last May. The crowd gave him a very rough time, but it was proved here that it wasn't Anson's fault", Tony Ingham, the trainer, said.

"My luck has really been out. Cast Iron gave me my first auccess of the campaign at Wortester in October and then had to be destroyed after an accident at Southwell last month". Shaw said.

"Brandy Fare has been a problem", the trainer said, after the seven-year-old defeated Cart-

wright at his leisure in the Little-hampton Handicap Steeplechase. "The horse had been disappoint-ing but signalled a return to his best last time out at Southwell, and barring a fall, I didn't think he could be beaten here."

In contrast, it was only close he could be beaten here."

In contrast, it was only close to home that Subaltern caught the favourite, Master Thief, in the Brighton Novices Handicap Hurdle. The jockey insisted on going into the second place enclosure, saying "better safe than sorry. Subaltern triumphed by a head, to the delight of Howard Williams, a Glosester preparer who

have been riding high, ran out when the farourize. King Shaw, was pulled up at the seventeenth fence in the Whitelaw Challenge Cup. "No extures, our horse was never going well", Ken Cundell, who was acting for his son Peter,

for Nampera. The winner is one of two borses Dr William Fuller ton trains on permit in Dorchester, where he shares a practice with Dr David Chesney, a leading amateur rider.

Rugby Union

Australian giants may grow into a big threat

A depressing lack of common-sense by the Welsh forwards, particularly when it came to file-gally handling the ball in the rucks, gave away a needless series of penalties which, but for Melor penantes which, but for Activates even more dearly than the price they eventually paid.
Fortified by these regular escapes, Welsh spirit never flagged whereas at times an air of nesperation crept into the Australian's play as they failed to retain the their country. Australians, play as they failed to translate their overall superiority into points.

The 6ft 5lin, 16st 10th Maxwell bestrode the lineouts like Colossus, winning everything and contributing wastly to the enormous shove in the power-house of the scrum in participality with the relatively lightweight Warwick Meirose—another 18-year-old at 6ft 4lin, and a mere 15st 8lb1 What a useful second row Australia will have when they both grow up and fill out. Thanks to Tony Meirose's inefficiency with the boot, the half time score stood at only 6—3 to Australia, and the lead was only Australia, and the lead was only gained with the last kick of the lialf when the captain somehow Robinson, who has had first class experience with Newbridge, had kicked a 35-yard penalty in the 26th minute, only the second time wales had crossed the halfway line. The Australian missed a couple more from in front of the posts given for handling in a ruck and collapsing the scrum—a tactic which wales used extensively in

By Peter Walker

Wales 6

Anstralia 25
Only the magnationary of Tony
Melrose, the Australian schools rugby captain, who missed five penalty attempts, three from in front of the posts on the 25-yard line, kept Wales remotely in touch with a game where they were lighter in everything from body weight down to basic skills. A depressing lack of commonwas brought down, in support way one of the three Ella brothers, the centre threequarter Gary, who gived over. Nignungale, the 6ft 4 in No 8 who had taken over the kicking from the unfurtunate Melruse, somehow scrambled the conversion over, despite giving the impression that he had kicked it with both feet.

Against the run of play, Robin-

with both feet.

Against the run of play. Robintion kicked a penalty but from
then on the tide ebbed ever
faster towards the Weish. First
Nightingale kicked a penalty in
a more orthodox fashion and as
Welsh energy flagged, the other
two Ella brothers also scored tries.

A smooth bandling manner. A superb handling movement involving both threequarters and forwards swept Australia flown the edge of touch from the half-way line. A swift change of direction bambouzled the home defence and this time it was the fullback, Glen Ella, who touched down behind the pusis. The 5,000 crowd which included three Welsh senior selectors. Gareth Edwards and Barry Johns, stood and applauded the Australian team all the way back to the halfway line. Five minutes from the end it was Mark Ella's turn when from his ourside-half position, he capitalized on some deft handling and thrustful running by his back row to cross in a corner. The score-line by no means flattered the Australians who, if the lure of their Rugby League can be parried, have in this team the makings of a senior side that in every sense could stand tall with the rest of the rugby world.

WALES: D. Thomas: C. Edwards, Payles, L. Gesting P. Hamer: J. A superb handling movement

Richards makes surprise reappearance for Wasps

Geoffrey Richards, a former England under-23 international full back, who emigrated to Australia earlier this year, makes a surprise reappearance in the Wasps team for their match at Nottingham on Saturday. Richards, who teaches in Sydney, has returned to England to get married and will be available to Wasps until the end of text

an effort to neutralize the Austra

married and will be available to wasps until the end of next month.

Richards, who was on the fringe of full England honours before emigrating, will be eligible for the John Player Cup first-round match against Richmond on lanuary 8.

well with the Sydney Eastern Suburbs team and toured New Zealand with them in May, is considered a candidate for feture Wallaby touring sides. He taker over from John Drake against Nottingham. Wasps make one other change to the team who beat Saracons 20—10, Rayner coming in at centre.

Curlously, Fitzgerald, an Australian full back, is out of action with a knee injury. Fitzgerald, whose tour with the Wallabies two seasons ago was marred by injury, is to have an exploratory operation and is likely to be out for the remainder of the season.

North Midlands can take heart from 1922 defeat

By Gordon Alian

North Midlands and Gloucestershire, who meet in the county rugby championship final at Moseley on Saturday, have met once before in the final. That was in 1922, when Gloucestershire won 19—mil at Birmingham.

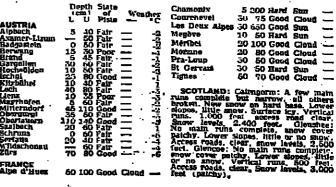
I have been delving into the past to find out about that match. It took place on Thursday, March 9, and 19,000 people watched it in fine weather. Admission prices ranged from one shillings to four shillings. Gloucestershire in the title for the third year clause watched it in fine weather. Admission prices ranged from one shilling to four shillings. Gloucestershire in the death of the train and after the match the two teams didned at the Grand hotel.

The score suggests an easy victory for Gloucestershire, but apparently this was not so. Listen to one contemporary summing up in a Gloucester newspaper:

"Hall champions for the third year in succession! The victory however, was only formed in 1920. There was another converted in 1920. The victory however, was only formed in 1920. The victory however, was only formed in 1920. The victory however, was only agined after desperate work, and the score of 19 points to nil was rather flattering to the winners. The Midlands forwards were a keen, dashing lot. and on a wet ground would probably have proved more effective. Behind, Gloucestershire's combination was superior in all departments. The bome tackling was so close and summination was superior in the province of the bud Midlington and content of the province of

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the 5ki Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



Correct choice made for Border Mark

Kings or Better initiated Rimsli's 24-1 double fighting back superbly to win the second division of the Dark Strangers Steeplechase by a stort head in a twicil Stratford grand stand finish, after Ousky had led him over the last three fedges.

Ousity had led him over the last three fences.

John Burke, who rode both the Rimell winners, had it much easier when Lewis took the Bran Tub Handica; Hurdle by a comfortable three lengths from Jonjo O'Neill's mount China God. But Rimell's Double Negative, banker of the day for many numers, let then Double Negative, banker of the day for many punters, let them down in the J. H. Rowe Steeple-chase. He could make no impression on Border Mark, who led him over the last four fences and scared gamely by three lengths.

Border Mark, owned and bred by Lientenant-Colonel John Chamberlayne, a Jockey Club member and strand at several meetings. and steward at several meetings, had choice of engagements this week at Stratford, Warwick and Worrestre

Mercer recovered

er-finals

Hougkong, Dec 28 .- Joe Mercer,

"We picked the right one." his Murry, who completed the Tate trainer. Charles Vermon Miller, double with a late run in the sell-said. He said that all the meming race, was recained for 850 bers of Border Mark's family do not reach, their peak until eight or nine years old.

Martin Tates' Bawhogues was backed like a certainty for the first division of the Dark Strangers. Steeplechase, and trotted up by four lengths from Frederick promised my niece, Rosie Fisher, a ride in the ladies' race on Diamond Day at Ascot and this could amateur partner Patrick O'Comor Number Engaged won the Vivian

Chance had created havoc.

The 66-1 chance discarded his amateur partner Patrick O'Connor at the first, carried out the second-favourite Lockus at the third, and caused Rimell's Flembagstown to refuse at the sixth, After running off the course, Current Chance crashed through a running rall to get back with the field, but fortunately did no more damage.

After this easy win, Bayelogues in the course of the comes from the family as Mill House, and was sent over from Ireland by his owner, Captain was sent over from Ireland by his gave the mount to Struct Shilston, gave the mount to Struct Shilston, gave the mount to Struct Shilston, gave the mount to Struct Shilston,

could not get near the weight, so gave the mount to Stnart Shilston, who rode his first winner over fences. was sent over from Ireland by his owner-breeder. Mrs Belen Lawlor, with a view to sale, but the price goes up each time he wins. Golden

Plummer talks about Aintree speculation

The British jockey, who cracked a collar hone in a fall here last month, will be back in the saddle neat Monday when racing resumes at the Happy Valley track. Mercer said today: "The collar hone has mended very well. I will be back next Monday. I have heen riding work for the last week."—Reuter. After speculation that the Levy Board are on the market for Aintree, Sir Desmond Plummer, the chairman, said yesterday: "The Levy Board are naturally auxious to ensure the future of the Grand National. This is part of our racing heritage and attracts worldwide interest. We could, however, only consider purchasing the course at a realistic figure."

Jumping Bootlaces

Handicap on the flar at Newtashe this year, makes his first hurdling appearance in Newbury's Challow Hurdle on Friday. Trained on the flat by Peter Robinson, the three-year-old was bought for 11,000 guineas by David Barons at the Newmarket Autumn-Sales.

Christopher Jones will be out of action for two or three weeks with a broken collar bone after a fall on Flupant Fred in the West Country Handicap Steeplechase at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day.

Bootlaces, winner of the XYZ Handicap on the flat at Newcastle

Lanark finally forced to close down directors were making the fluid decision to chose. Mr Leggat 53% that the district council, and the company would be giving up the lease to Lenerk District Council, which owns the course. Mr Patterson said in a statement: "It is true that I have sent a letter of resignation to the Lauark Racecourse chairman. It followed the events of the last mouth which resulted in varying aumonocements being made about the future of the course. "I have not been consulted or

The 700-year-old Lanark racecourse, ope of Britain's oldest, has definitely staged its last race. The directors of the course aunounced yesterday that the resignation of the three principal officials had forced them to close down, even though they had permission from the Horserace Betting Levy Board to continue racing in the 1978 season.

They said in a statement: "It is with the utmost regret that the Board of Lanark Racecourse Company has decided that Lanark finds it impossible to fatig its 1978 fixtures. This decision has been forced upon us by the resignation of our three most important officials necessary to keep the racecourse functioning.

"With-so little time before our first fixture on April 13, it has put us in an impossible position. Irrofically, a letter received this moving from Sh Desurohd Plum-

Berning Levy Board, gives us per-mission to race in 1978, but in view of what has now happened . this is clearly impossible." Sandy Leggat, chairman of Lanark Racecourse, said that the head groundsman had resigned some time ago to take up a similar appointment at Ayr Racecourse. The secretary, Miss J. L C. Grant, and the clerk of the course, Kir Patterson, resigned at the end of last week.

in fusture of the course.

The first news that the Scottish racecourse was threatened with closure came a fortnight ago when funds were organized to save the sewspapers. This has placed me in a difficult and embarrassing position. However to suggest that my resizuation, even when to carry out the 1978 fixtures.

Yesterday's letter from Sir course secretary, has forced the closure of the course, is clearly absurd." Fontwell Park results 11-10-6 R. Hoare (8-1) 7
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7-3 Tom Bombadi, 6-1 Solonius, 7-1
Court Shadow 14th; 10-1 Fyling
Prince, 20-1 Tepin, 35-1 Coolaru
(p). 10 ran.

12.45 (12.47) **FELPHAM HURDL** (\$413:2m 1f)

1.15 (1.17) LITTLEHAMPTON : STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2525; 2³4m) 3'am :
Brandy Fara, b g. by Rot Brandy
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7'10-0 Mr A. J. Wilson (1-2) 7
Carrwright S. Johar (15-8 1v) 2
Glanfield R. Rowell (9-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Monksgrange
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TOTE: Win. £1.72: places, 450, 72p. 22p; dual forcess. £57.07 W. Fuller-ton, at Dorchester, 11, 41, Ivers did not but 2.45 (2.47) TORTINGTON STEEPLE-CHASE (Norless: \$761: 2\m) Baxwood, b h. by Acer—Ring-craft (J. Rogerson) 5-11-0 S. C. Knight (9-1) 1 Markeyenix R. Rowell (4-7 fac) 2 Hill Fly S. May (15-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 14-1 Charterbox, 16-1 Young Master (p), 25-1 Gang War-fure (4th), 6 ran. TOTE: Win, 330: places, 17n, 11s: dual forecast, 17n, R: Turnell, at Mariborough, 71, 121. 3.15 (3.76) BRIGHTON HURDLE (Handican: Novices: £654: 2m 1f)
Substitute, or q: by Right Boy—
Jaunty (H. Whilems: 5-10-15
Master Thief D. Comer (15-8 [av. 2
Somersel B. Reilly (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Whirther (4th 1).
9-1 Calmin, 12-1 Gamingay (4th 1).
14-1 Artic Silver, 16-1 Thoroproof.
Flying Straight, 9 ran.
TOTE: Win. £1.20: places, 28n.
11n. 169: dual foretast, £1.90. B.
Shaw, at Chelionham, Hd, 71.
TOTE: DOUBLE: Levarameas, Boy-TOTE: Win, 35p; dual forecast, 19b., A. Ingham, at Epsem, 5h bad. 2,15 (2,16) WHITELAW STEEPLE-CHASE (Hambicap: \$1,236: 3'40) TOTE DOUBLE: Levarances, Box-wood, £20.50, TREBLE: Brandy Fare, Alexangle, Subaltern, £318.30.

Stratford-on-Avon

Alexangle, ch g, by Tangle— Alexina II (Dr W. Fullerton)

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2.30. (2.32) DARK STRANGERS
STEEPLECHASE (Div 1 Novices:
£468: 22m1

Bawmènous, b 9. by Bargello—
Punchesiown Lass (Mrs H. Lawiov), 6-11-10. C. Smith (9-13) 1

Frederick John ... C. Gray (14-1) 2

Frederick John ... C. Gray (14-1) 2

Frederick John ... C. Gray (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN 3-1 Lochus (c), 11-1

Zoula (3th. 23-1 Flaminasiown (r),
66-1 Turksco, Scaling, Current Chance
(u), 7m.

TOTE: Win, 15p: places, 15p, 15p,
63o: Dual forecast, 7tp, M. Tate, at
Pidgerninster, 31, 51, Master Ribot and
Raise You Again did not run. 1.0 (1.1) AULD LANG SYNE HURDLE
(4-y-o Novicos: £351: 2m
catden Nurry, ch. f. by Murrayfield
Golden Ellhouetto (M. Tate).
10-12: R. R. Ryect (13-8 fay) 1
Lleyd Ardas ... G. Jones (8-1) 2
Filipant Heck ... F. Duggins (6-1) 2
A150 RAN: 5-2 Miss Planes (4th).
13-2 Fallon, 14-1 Learn Lad, 20-1
Park Lass, 33-1 River Trig, Tunis. 9 TOTE: Win. 30s; places, 20s 17s, 12s: Onal forecast, 53.14, M. Tale, at Kiddenminster, 3, 71. The winner was bodght in for 850gm. CHASE (HANGER: 2391: 5'am)
Border Mark, b g. by Border Chief
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berkype), 9-10-2 h
D. Cartwright (5-1) 1,
bestis Negative C. Tinkler (4-6: 2
Drammiong A. Tunnell (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-2 Super Slave. 20-1
Reminists (44h. 5 ran.

Calculator ..., Mr R. Isgár (3-1) 2 Lanky Lad Mr N. Henderson (2-1) 3 TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 16p, 18p; ual forecast, 3/p, F, Walwyn, al ampourn, 1'sl, 4l. ALSO HANK etvens fav Not Lightly.
7-1 Old Smokey 1p1, 33-1 Dark Sonsston (1th), 50-1 Coundor (p1, Cone
Wakabon 1p), Law Society (p),
Superintendent (p), Northumberland
(100k no pari), 1 fm.

(3.1) BRAN TUB HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £555; 2m) Handicap: 4-y-a: £163: 2m)

Lowis, b e, by Welsh Saint—
Petal Princes: (Mrs J. Agart),
12-0 J. Barke (9-4 (av) 4
Chies Ced J. J. (Novil) (5-2) 2
Delaware Bay. C. Smith (12-1) 3

ALS RAN; 100-50 Donsects Daughter
(11, 7-1 Obetaz (at. 10-1 Royal Gain
(4th), 13-1 Lacky Ambition (b),
Rockersam, 25-1 Checotate Imp. 33-1
Halmahers, Faise Rumeur p), 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 53p; phaces, 25p, 11p,
21p; dual faracust, 40p, T. F. Simell,
41 Severn Stoke, 51, 61.

TOTE DOUBLE: Border Mark and TOTE DOUBLE: Border Mark and Kings or Batter, 254,60. TREBLE: Golden Murry, Number Engaged and Lowis, 230,25,

Newcastle programme

7-4 Justafancy, 100-30 Broomley, S-1 Midsumm art, 16-1 others. 1.0 PHEASANT STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £648: 2m 120yds)

5 pc-0023 Mounthooly, K. Oliver, 5-11-5 D. Turnbull 7 6 21-0033 Prince Maythorn, D. Nicholson, 7-11-6 R. Mangan 8 0-40234 Snowdrift, C. Lamb, 6-11-1 R. Lamb 12 000000 Turnbull 7 9-4 Saper Cham, 8-2 Sun Man, 9-2 Mounthooly, 5-1 Prince Maythorn, 13-2 2.30 GROUSE HURDLE (Handicap: £841: 2m 120yds) 3.0 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £478: 2m 120yds) 23-272f Kailos Brig (C-D), K. Tuer. 5-11-8 A. Rerrison 7 00-0001 Senu Brig. R. Cross. 4-11-5 A. Rerrison 7 00-0001 Senu Brig. R. Cross. 4-11-5 A. Cross. 4-11-5 5-4 Nellic's Lad, 5-2 Kelso Chant, 4-1 Beau Brig Sweet Georgetis, 20-1 Gabbanesse, Newcastle selections

12.30 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £484; 2m 120yds)

1 40-1124 Justafancy, G. Richards, 4-11-10 ... D. Goelding

2 021 Broomicy, W. Elsey, 4-11-5 ... E. Gurse; 3

2 02 Keyerston, A. Widdes, 5-11-5 ... E. Gurse; 3

3 02-0 Morina Spirit, R. Crose, 5-11-3 ... Seguest 7

4 0 000 Colonel Cracket, F. Wellon, 4-11-0 ... Miss Seguest 7

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3 000 Colonel Cracket, F. Wellon, 4-11-0 ... R. Colling 8

5 000 Hoos, G. Robinson, 4-11-0 ... R. Colling 7

7-4 Justafancy 100-20 Ryomiley, 5-1 Midsummer Chat, 10-1 Buckwills, Moving 7

7-5 Justafancy 100-20 Ryomiley, 5-1 Midsummer Chat, 10-1 Buckwills, Moving 10

1 0-191 Arctic Mist (C), M. H. Estierby, 7-12-7
4 2-20-23 Brother Will, W. A. Slepherson, 5-12-1 G. Fanikner 5 0-19-17 Gracin Creek, G. Richards, 5-12-1 Mr. J. Gondong 5 003-22 Bishops Paws, J. Nelson, 5-11-11 Mr. J. Nelson, 5 0-19-10 Gracin Creek, G. Richards, 5-12-1 Mr. J. Nelson, 5 0-19-10 Mr. J. Walton, 10 000-002 Frens, D. Nicholson, 5-11-10 Mr. J. Suthern, 1-19-10 Mr. J. Suthern 130 NORTHUMBRIA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,724: 3m) I 10-1201 Tamelia (C-D), G Richards, 10-12-7 D Coulding 121-2020 Border Brig. R. Brewis, 6-10-8 P. Mangian G. Bristophia C. Hawkins 10-233 Merr Wayvard, W. Crawford, 8-10-6 C. Hawkins 11 p-0-233 Carrabet (C-D), W. A. Stephonson, R-10-2 G. Faulkner 11 p-11-1 Rambling Jack (C), K. Oliver, 6-10-0 J O'Neth 6-4 Tamelin, 2-1 Rambling Jack, 4-1 Cantabet, 10-1 More Wayward, 16-1 Border Brig. 20 GAME BIRD STEEPLECHASE (Novices handicap: £822: By Our Racing Staff

Warwick programme 12.45 WASPERTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £569: 2m)

5-4 Poter Grimes. 4-1 Baidur, 11-2 Remrad, 10-1 morrow, 14-1 Minibus 16-1 Sea Heather, 20-1 others. | 11.8 Snowshill Sallor. 9-4 Criticism, 9-2 Rol Rig. 10-1 Winter Flight String of the page 1.15 WASPERTON HURDLE (Div II: novices: £580: 2m) 5-1 Bri : one 7-2 Viro'n Stave, 6-1 Cimri. 7-1 Venges Brake, R-1 Colonial and 10-1 Indersement, 12-1 Bornie de Lyon, 14-1 Red Brigand, 15-2 orbers. 145 MOLLINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £858: 31m Warwick selections

2.15 WICKEN HURDLE (Handicap: £729: 2m 5f)

1 41p1-00 Princa of Pleasure, N. Calleghan, 4-12-5

1 1-0 Gaffor, F. Walvyn, 5-11-16

5 12-2070 Salky Upham (C), D. Gandolfo, 8-11-5

8 u00p-00 Ask For Rocar (C-0), M. Tate, 5-10-10

10 20417-0 Super Princate, C, Dingwal, 4-10-0

2-1 Saucy Upham, 7-2 Gaffer, 4-1 Prince of Pleasure, 5
Ask For Roger, 12-1 others. policity, 10-1

By Our Racing Staff 12.45 PETER GRIMES is specially recommended. 1.15 Saucy Dove. 1.45 Gay Spartan. 2.15 Race Riot. 2.45 Snowshill Sailor, 3.15 Timosheuko. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Prince of Pleasure, 3.15 Amorous Song.

TOTE: Win, 67p: paces, 15p. 12p. 1Rp: dual forecast, £1.64. T. F. Rimel, at Severn Stoke. Sh bd, 61. 2.0 (2.1) VIVIAN STREET STEEPLES CHASE (Handicap: 2005; 2007)
(umbar Engaged, b.g. by Quorum
—Neopolism Lon (Cap: A;
Prair), 9-12-7, Shiston (7-4 fav), 1

Good times are in sight while we hover at the edge of the abyss

By recent standards, next year should be quite a good one for ought to want to take away any of the pleasure from that fact. But the prospect of some improvement in our own position ought not to distract western world is now hovering perilously close to the edge of a new recession which would be not only worse than anyyears immediately after the oil crisis of 1973, but could turn into a full-scale depression. Not much can be done to

prevent ending 1978 with higher unemployment in the western industrial nations, with more unemployment than we shall start it with. Nor can we realistically expect that the western industralialized world can get back until well into the 1980s towards the sort of employment levels we saw for most of the postwar period. Yet the most important point to understand about the gloomy forecasts for the world economy published this week by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development is that the worst thing we could do is to give up hope.

The chances that something

will be done to start a genuine economic recovery throughout the world are not very good; but the evidence is there to suggest very forcibly that if the right actions are taken, governents can at least start to solve the problem. The policies which will be needed involve an acceptance that governments will have to run substantial deficits for some years to come, at least until the non-government sector starts to generate sufficient growth of its own so as no longer to need a stimulus.

These policies will have to be buttressed by cautious monetary and other policies to hold down inflation and ought to be supplemented by action to deal with some of the special prob-lems which have emerged in the

past few years.
The chances that this will be done are bad because the countries and the governments whose involvement is vital if this programme is to work are those countries which are least wilking to pursue such policies. The United States is already committed to growth, but unless West Germany and Japan after course—and there are others such as Switzerland and The Netherlands who purply to act Netherlands who ought to act as well—the rest of the world will not be able to pursue such

Britain will have a big pay-ments surplus next year, but it will be very fragile. If the rest of the world does not expand,

'For most countries, fears of inflation are no longer the real constraint on expansion?

the second half of next year if the OECD forecasts are right. This compares with a 41 per cent growth which is needed if

a consistent pattern of expan-sion which will hold unemploy-

ment steady is to be achieved.

The implications for Europe are genuinely frightening. By the second half of next year,

cent and it has to be even higher if the number of jobless

is to fall.

That prospect ought to be

and prospect ought to be bud enough to stimulate gov-ernment to action; but the real position is much worse. For business confidence is already

vas seen in the 1930s.

Why then are some govern-ments, particularly West Ger-

objection which they and some

objection which they and some outside commentators have made repeatedly is being heard much less than it used to be. This is that OECD as an organization is guilty of recession-mongering which involves producing deliberately pessimistic forecasts to provoke tovernments to expand their eronomies more than they should. In the past three years the OECD's mistakes have been in the opposite direction; they have underestimated the reces-

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cionary forces in the western

economies. Few people now would argue against the fore-

casts of gloom with any real sense of conviction.

Yet in spite of this, most governments have been pursuing policies which had the

effect of contracting economic activity this year: there will be a slight push early in 1978 from tax cuts, but it will be on such a small scale that it will

run out before the year ends. The dispute now is no longer

then a Brirish government, even with the benefits of North Sea oil, will find itself faced with more balance of payments prob-

Four solid years of recession have brought us to a stage where for most countries fears of domestic inflation are no growth in Europe is expected to be below 3 per cent; just to stop unemployment rising growth has to be around 41 per longer the read constraint on expanding their economies. In-spead, they are now held back by worries about their balance of payments. In spite of next year's surplus on the bakance of payments, this will be true of Britain by the end of this decade if the rest of the world or the second of the grows as slowly as present policies would imply. It is already true of countries such as France and the great majority of smaller countries who are actually tightening their belts at the moment. If these business confidence is already so fragile that a slowdown next year could easily get out of hand. Rising unemployment and slow growth would kill any hopes of new investment, which in turn would reduce output still further, leading down a vicious spiral of the sort which was seen in the 1930s. countries are to expand, they will have to have an assurance that the surplus nations will be growing fast enough not to

problems.

This is the true origin and meaning of the "locomotive theory" which ascribes a central role to the United States, Japan and West Germany in leading the world out of trouble. In its over-simplified form this theory has manifestly failed and could never have broad to succeed George and failed and could never have hoped to succeed. Germany and Japan have grown to their present position by exporting, and the commonly held view that they could solve all the rest of the world's problems by importing more is clearly nonsense. Even if the change in attitude which this would require could be achieved for require could be achieved, for these countries to bear all the weight of getting the world out on would need them to grow so fast that they would really face problems of infla-

the strong countries is not to carry the whole burden, but to ensure that by their actions they do not make it difficult for other countries to do their ment suggests they are not doing that. On present policies, can in fact work, with their opponents claiming that they

The evidence of the past few years points all the other way. In 1975 governments everywhere tried to expand their economies and they duly expanded; in 1976 and 1977 they cut back on spending without equivalent tax cuts, and the mixture performed its and the mixture performed its usual role of slowing down the

This fact, that the economies of the West have moved in exactly the direction which one looking at the policies they have followed ought to give pause to those who feel that the present situation is some totally new experience. fact, the evidence has been ignored by many governments who say instead that the present difficulties are a

"structural problem"
That structural problems, in the plural, do exist is clearly true. The western communes have been much too slow to come to terms with the emergence of newly industrialized nations in the developing world, and have thus failed to change their industrial structure fast enough.

But those who say that

we face a "structural problem are saying something differ-ent (or they ought to be; many of them are just using the phrase to say they do not know what is the matter). The only sense in which it is reasonable to talk about it is reasonable to talk about a structural problem at present would be to argue that a number of factors have come together to reduce the possible rate of growth. That may or may not be true; but it clearly cannot explain the present problems which the West faces. For if it were merely a problem of a slower rate of growth being possible that would not affect the extent to which resources are employed.

Unemployment is rising in the West and factories are being run at half capacity because the rare at which economies are actually expanding is

are actually expanding is slower than the rate at which they could expand if given their head. There are many lessons winth we were right to learn from the overheated boom of the early 1970s, including the absolute need not to allow the amount of money in the economy to race ahead of the sustainable level of growth. The danger of the present situation is that we are heading towards a position where our economies as a whole could drift out of con-trol in the opposite direction. David Blake | put up. General



These formidable fighters of Nato's front line

There are two highly formidable United States fighting riority. He, two, gaves the immachines at Bitburg air force pression of being versatile, base. West Germany. They highly manoeuvrable and fast. base, West Germany. They are in no particular order—the F-15 Eagle fighter and Brigadier General Frederick C. Kyler, USAF, commander of the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing. Both were on show to visiting British journalists recently and it was difficult to choose the

more impressive. The F-15 is designed to achieve air superiority. That is its purpose: to shoot down other planes in air-to-air com-bat an! by all accounts there is no doubt that in battle it could do so. Eagles of the 36th have flown against a number of different types of American fighters in mock combat. "Like shooting fish in a bar-rel", is how General Kyler sums up the result.

sums up the result.

The F-15 is fast, with a maximum speed of Mach 2.5 (overtwo-and-a-half times the speed of sound). It is highly manoeuvrable and has a fast manoeuvrable and has a last rate of climb. A single-seat aircraft, it is armed with short and medium-range air-to-air missiles and a 20mm cannon. It has an advanced radar and fire congrol system, and it is these, rogether with its manoeuvrability, that mark it out from its rivals. "The finest aircraft in the world", says direct in the world", says the general, who is confident that the F-15 can cope with anything the Warsaw Pact can

There has been a steady stream of visitors to Birburg since the 79 F-15s that make up the "Fightin' 36th arrived The admiration at Bitburg there last summer. The general may find himself entertaining a French general one day and an American ambassador the

an American ampassator the next Outnumbered 12 to one by British journalists, he comes through the engagement without a hair out of place. Some of the fighters are on alert at all times, ready to scramble to identify unex-plained air traffic. These usually turn out to be airliners that have not filed proper flight plans, private aircraft, even on occasion gliders. From the first blaring of the klaxon to the moment when the sleek fighters are climbing almost vertically away from the run-way is only a matter of a few

General Kyler laid on a scramble of the standby pilots scramble of the standby pilots while we were talking to them. Checking his watch he slid down the brass "fireman's" pole after his pilots, calling an invitation to his younger but less agile visitors to follow him. (The representative of The Times, of course, felt duty bound to follow him but I think the rest of my colleagues prudently descended from the crews' quarters by the way of crews' quarters by the way of the stairs.) Whether there is an actual

5.30 am to check their reaction

for the F-15 is not confined to General Kyler but pervades the whole of the 36th. From a squadron commander to the most junior pilot the same confidence is expressed. The general, who first joined the air force in 1945 and is a veteran of Korea and Vietnam, has flown every first-rate United States fighter in the past 25 years and says firmly that he has never before been so happy with a new aircraft. Certainly I could imagine him saying something similar about each of those other planes as they came into service, but that does not deny the experi-ence on which his present

However, there is another factor besides equipment that constantly comes up in con-versations with the airmen at Birburg about their ability to cope with the potential enemy. They regard their training and tactics as way ahead of the opposition.

judgment is based.

One squadrou said his pilots are "better trained by a factor of ten" than those of the Warsaw Pact. The Russians are judged to have a more stereotyped training, to be more heavily dependent on ground radar and thus to be less versatile than the

the Soviet force has lower the ground maintaining their aircraft and that this together with what is seen as a highly complex Soviet logistical system could help to compensate in battle for the West's undisputed inferingity in numbers. puted interiority in numbers.

This may be too complacent: it is difficult to judge. The views of the pilots are based on intelligence reports, including information given by defecting

General Kyler is undoubtedly a hawk He may disconcert doveish visitors to his command. But there are doves, and I am one, who would feel less secure to find a dove doing General Kyler's job.

One answer he gave sums this up. He was asked whether the latest West German security scandal might have compro-

simply that there is no secret about their intentions if a war starts. "We're going load up our aircraft and shoot the hell our of the enemy as soon as he's airborne. There sure ain't any secret about that."

The pilots of the 36th believe they can do just that. Parhaps most reassuring to us

so hope that being able to do it will mean that they never have

Ivan Barnes Foreign News Editor

Geraldine Norman concludes her examination of the challenge faced by people in industrialized societies

How ownership involves the community in the work that keeps it alive

town of Mondragon, in the Spanish Basque country, are worker owned. The group has developed sensitively balanced structures which have not merely made worker ownership economically viable but also helped achieve a growth rate seldom achieved by industrial

In my article yesterday I suggested that these structures could be imitated elsewhere. They might provide a basis for turning the idea of worker ownership from an aggreable pipe dream into an industrially significant reality. A report entitled Worker Owners: The Mondragon Achievement was published by the Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society last mouth. The report (to which I contri-buted) spells out in more detail than I can do here the interest, of the Mondragon

experiment.
The first industrial cooperative in Mondragon was founded in 1956 by five brave men, graduates of a community supported polytechnic founded 15 years before by a Spanish priest, the philosopher and inspiration of the Mondragon

The group of industrial co-manufacturing; they include turing unit have been duly operatives centred on the small Spain's leading manufacturer repaid to the bank. of refrigerators, cookers and washing machines—sufficiently successful to attract contracts both Tunisia and Russia-and Spain's leading manufacturer of machine tools.

> The industrial cooperatives are grouped round their own cooperative savings bank. There are primary and secondary schools as well as a graduate under Spanish law.

Particularly notable is the fact that this associated grouping of euterprises has been built up over a 20-year period without one bad debt being incurred to the group bank or inspiration of the was experiment. There are now some 170 cooperatives, employing roughly 13,000 people; the group turnover last year was approximately £200m. The marketable line of production could be set up and launched. All the debts incurred in such a complete shift of manufac-

level college of technology grouped under the same umbrella; also agricultural, fishery and consumer coopera-tives, one hospital, two leisure clubs, housing cooperatives and one social security cooperative dealing with the pension, medication, industrial insurance and other social security prob-lems of the entire group. The self-employed, which includes all the worker owners of these cooperative enterprises, are not eligible for state social security

Many factors have contribumany factors have contribu-ted to the success of the Mon-dragon enterprises, but one cannot escape the belief that the highly intelligent structur-ing of ownership and power is among the most fundamental. Every member of a new cooperative is required to put up between £1,000 and £2,000 to-wards the working capital of the new enterprise. In total this usually represents some 20 per cent of the enterprise's capitalization; roughly another 20 per cent is contributed by the state and the remainder is financed by the Caja Laboral,

the group savings bank.
The member's capital stake in the enterprise, whether he be production line worker or managing director, cannot be withdrawn unless he leaves or retires from the firm, Every year 70 per cent of the group's net profits are divided equally between the capital accounts of all members; again these monies cannot be withdrawn unless you leave the firm. The remaining 30 per cent is divided equally between non-allocated reserves and social welfare expenditure.

The members of the cooperative democratically elect a control board on the basis of one job one vote. This control board is roughly equivalent to a board of directors in a British company and in its turn appoints the managers and executives of the enterprise.

Many factors have contributed to the success of the Mondragon cooperatives, but most fundamental is the intelligent power structure

level being generally set marginally above that of simi-lar capitalist run firms. The executives, however, stand at a disadvantage to their counterin neighbouring indus-

It is a basic premise of the group that wage and salary levels shall not vary by more than the ratio of three to one. In other words, the managing director shall not earn more than three times as much as his lowest paid worker.

The production line workers are in general in a better fiuare in general in a detter in-ancial position than their coun-terparts in Britain. They receive marginally better than average wages. When they reach retire-ment age they receive a pension equivalent to 100 per cent of

Wage levels are set by com-parison with similar manufac-turing firms in the region, the capital stake in the enterprise which in some cases already amounts to as much as £15,000. The executives find themselves ine executives find themselves in exactly the same position as the workers and therefore, pre-tax at least, rather less well provided for than their opposite numbers in Britain.

Trades unions as we know them were illegal in Spain and it is difficult to tell what impact they will have on the system when they are legalized. The fact that the productivity of each worker-owner directly affects his own capital stake in the enterprise has presumably contributed to an enterprise system where workers actually

work.
With this little problem out of the way, the success and failure of cooperatives depends almost

entirely on management skill. year period to plan the project ment and profitability. It is in Here the democratic structure in detail, looking at after these circumstances that manof the cooperative gains an native production methods, agement can on occasion be added importance; the elected control board has the power to fire the management if they are not running the enterprise profitably—and in several instances they have done so.

The fact that financial success or failure depends fundamentor failure depends fundamentally and almost exclusively on management is a basic assumption of all those within the group. At the same time the 3 to 1 ruling on earnings makes it difficult to attract suitable management talent. This has, at present, that the interesting result that means of the manage. result that most of the manage-ment echelous are manned by ment echelous are manned by highly intelligent young then, committed to the system be-cause it is interesting. Many are in their early 30s; the average age of management is well below that of the work force as a whole.

The calibre of these young anagers is impressively high. managers is impressively fight.

But with so many separate enterprises to manage one cannot hope for all to be equally up to the job. The key to success at this level lies with the bank's management services division, roughly 90 men strong. The division plays a crucial role in the establishment of new cooperatives. Once ment of new cooperatives. Once a group of potential cooperators has approached the bank, two or three of the potential executives join the manage-ment division, usually for a two

fore and after. Who is he? 36. Who, or what, is PHS?

I have received a signal from

base, and bears the just-about-legible signature (vide my re-

cent campaign in this column)

Captain Pack says the museum intends to extend its

display in the next two years to give an account of the social

torian period. We believe many

of the personal artefacts of this

important era are still in private

hands."

Naval signal

potential markets and every-thing down to the plant, financing and personnel required. In other words the project is launched with maximum forethought and the best chances for success.

Already established coop-eratives are required to submit regular audited accounts and detailed long term plans (usually five years) to the management division. The plans are integrated into an overall group plan enabling the group to foreplan ensuming the group to fore-cast skilled manpower, require-ments which can be fed back to the polytechnic, require-ments for-land use (the-bank tends to buy in advance of group needs) and so on. Fur-thermore the bank's manage-ment division keeps a careful ment division keeps a careful check on differences between plan and output for individual cooperatives and aims to identify commercial problems before they become serious.

Advice rather than instruc-tions are fed back to the co-operative; if the managers, jealous of their independence, ignore this advice, the manage-ment division can have recourse to a crisis measure: the pre-sentation of their views on the management's errors to the elected control board. As long as the control board is properly representative of the group of workers, its interests are wholly identified with the main-tenance of efficient manage

sacked. Much more often, however, the rhing happens the other way round. The manage-ment finds itself in difficulties and turns to the bank's management division for advice. The bank's highly trained experts can generally identify the best way out of the difficul-

It has been found that the optimum size of cooperative is around 400-500 members; beyond this size communications become a severe problem and bad blood is generated. With admirable pragmatism this is not, however, enforced as a rule—the largest cooperative, Ulgor, has 3,500 members.

What has thus come into existence is a closely inter-related grouping of self-managed productive enterprises; their prosperity and success is closely interrelated with the interests of the local commu-nity, both formally through the housing, educational, and consumer cooperatives and informcreation for the area as a whole. It is a new economic structure built to reflect the aspirations and abilities of the community -and it works.

Worker Owners: The Mondragon Achievement, published by the Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society, £2.90.

THE TIMES DIARY/PHS

Who? Why? Where? That was the year, that was -and this is the moment of truth for readers

readers of this diary who merely dip into it instead of adopting the sensible attitude of digesting each and every word of it.

To avoid a repetition of such an humiliating experience in December, 1978, I would suggest you make it one of your New Year resolutions that, during the next 12 months, you will give your full and undivided attention to the wit and wisdom that gives this centre page its gem-encrusted trimming.

Every one of the questions that follow is based on an item that has appeared in the diarv appear an Page 10, column 3. Anyone who looks them up before completing the quiz. deserves the ostracisim which If you score more than 30.

will surely come his way. you will be a prince (or princess) among men (or women). Below 30, you are not entirely beyond redemption. Below 20,

of Power?
2. Who was hozzed over a manna-making machine? 3. Whose smile was the subject

of a photographic competition in far-away Michigan? 4. What was it that a masked and cloaked lady was helping to advertise? 5. What famous film star has difficulty with her Rs?

6. Which earl spent a morning photographing a lovely blonde in a London hotel bedroom? 7. Emlyn Williams, having done Dickens and Dylan Thomas, tackled another bierary figure. Which one? 8. Which playwright's impersonation of a tawny owl is now in the BBC's natural history

9. Who was the 16-year-old whose speech set the Tory conference in Blackpool alight? Was it: Thomas Venyer, William Hague or Harold Simms? 10. Which two American writers came to blows at a Washington

you will have made a serious dinner party?
dent in your Christmas week morale.

dinner party?

11. Who was the columnist who, as a student at the LSE, won a

Today sees the undoing of those 1. Who stirred up a horners' seat on the students' council readers of this diary who merely with his book The Politics for a man who never was? 12. Who is painting his autobiography in giant murals in a studio under London's Hungerford Bridge? 13. Which feature-writer has

become part-time speech writer and rescarcher for the Prince of Wales? 14. Who was the American actor who was unable to see a

London musical based on his life flop so spectacularly? 15. Who was Marie Louise Hasselgren, over whom I poured much praise? 16. Which well-known econom-

16. Which well-known economist had his book turned into a 13-part BBC Television series?
17. Who wrote: Does Prince Philip Kiss You Goodnight?
18. Who was "the greatest bad poet of his age" whose works have been translated into Thai?
19. What politician ousted Enoch Powell in the Madame Tussaud's nooularity pol!? Tussaud's popularity poll?
20. What venerable theatrical mole was honoured by the is he? Variety Club of Great Britain? 22. Two characters, created by



mean table-tennis player? Who

ing the year? Who were they?
23. In a competition, devised in connexion with the final Wode-house book Sunset at Blandplace Marker Blandings? 24. What is the connexion between a razor blade and the Great Pyramid at Giza?
25. Why was it all "Go" at Monte Carlo?

26. In which European country were the world Black Pudding championships held?
27. The Public Record Office opened a new £10m office this year. Where is it?
28. Wearing which hat old Sir.
Douglas Black launch an
attack on smoking? 29. Which eminent hypnotist

staged a demonstration in London to put people off the weed?
30. Why did 200 businessment pay £60 a head to sit at the feet of Herman Kahn in Lon-

history of the Navy. "We are going to concentrate on the Vic-31. Ray Purnell, an Australian teacher, throws things at Lon-don dancers. What are his missiles? 32. Why was 1977 an important year for Anglo-Saxon national-

I pass on his plea that anyone with any relics of naval ancestors—and I take it that ists?
33. Why was it absolutely Variety Club of Great Britain? 22. Two characters, created by impossible to touch the exhibits.

21. He is the new head of the my predecessor Michael LeapHome Civil Service and is no man, went into retirement dur
34. Who called the day that he does not mean bits of body—should write to him and let-

Britain will no longer need the IMF's \$3,900m standby credit After love a duck, share a duck "Sod Off Day"? 35. In the family of this leading One Christmas present was in usually bad, as most reports politician, there is a strict tradition that no one votes

overwhelming demand this arise when the duck is shot and year. The Slimbridge Wildfowl its ring recovered. Tory without a stiff drink be-Trust's fund-raising adopt-a-

HM Neval Base at Portsmouth and am wasting no time in re-transmitting it. It comes from the Royal Naval Museum at the of the museum's director, Captain A. J. Pack (retd).

they ring each year, at £1.50 bird's movements, but stand only a one in five chance of ever hearing of the duck again. When there is news, it is the wild at £7.50.

This year, an upprecedented Trust's fund-raising adopta-duck scheme, which has been a modest source of revenue for a modest source of revenue for to adopt ducks, and there are 20 years, has suddenly been not enough recent ringings on obliged to become a share-a-duck scheme by public request. Would-be parents are being Would-be parents are being

Usually, the Trust recken to asked to share, or join a wait "sell" 1,500 of the 6,000 ducks ing list. Alternatively they can out each. The adoptive parents for one of the Trust's more ex-are then kept informed of their pensive schemes, taking a

peasive schemes, taking a barnacle goose under their wing for £4.50, or buying a personalized Bewick's swan in

From R. J. Minney, the novelist, film producer and playwright. who is now in his early 80s, I have received this memoir of Charles Chaplin, of whom Mr Minney was a life-long friend: "As a newcomer to Hollywood in the Thirties, to make my own film Clive of India, Chaplin immediately took me under his wire. and made me a member of his inner circle which included Mary Pickford, Ronald Colman, C. Aubrey Smith and an endless number of other famous stars. His parties were quite exceptional. Often, after entertaining us all with his wonderful municry, which was even funnier than his public performances, he could . . : disappear and I would find that he had gone to bed winie the party continued into the early hours of the morning "."

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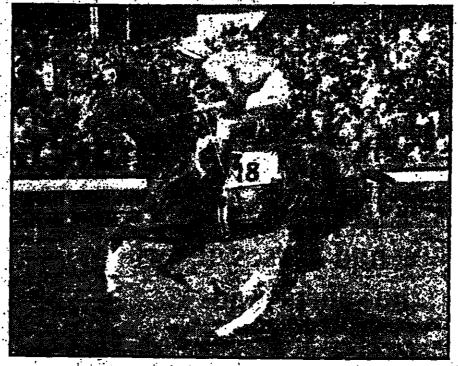
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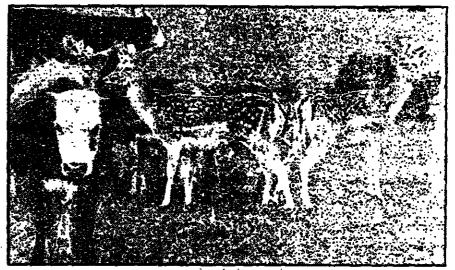
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Jockeyng for position : Lester Piggott and The Minstrel, from Tipperary, who won the 1977 Epsom Derby. Left : golf at Killarney, and joint police and army roadblock after an IR A raid. Right : the Liffey and Butt Bridge, Dublin, and a pastoral scene in Phoenix Park less than a mile from the city centre.

Quick change act

Over the past 12 months the majority in the history of the state. When the Dail gone a emarkable economic and political transformation which as upset the forecasts o many local com- the deputies making up the mentators but done little to majority of 20 were forced alter the country's enviably to huddle on the steps of it is fitting that since its vic. of relaxed pace of life.

Ineviably there are many Irish pliticians who see a direct lnk between the resurgenc of economic confidence aid the change of government in June, but Minister, took personal re- even pundits not normally already directed into the new there are also statistics to sponsibility for the humiliant favourable to Figure Pail department and who are support the argument that ing defeat of his national have given the party credit aware of the close relationan end to the recession was in sight before Fianna Fail, traditionally the most re-

by Christopher Walker ship which he lost in 1973, the election also provided began its new session, the full extent of Fianna Fail's victory was graphically illustrated when many of the chamber because of the lack of space on the packed

Government beaches. To add to the heady atmo- One senior civil servant George Colley, sphere of political change estimated that more than 70 Prime Minister. Cosgrave, the former Prime

getic Dr FitzGerald, former gine, a former economics marked by a mood of econo-Minister for Foreign Affairs, professor and complete new mic confidence undetectable Saice taking control he has comer to parliamentary poliernize the parry's antiquated the Government's election structure and refashion its manifesto.

paign dominated by squab-that the new department will bles over the validity of soon suffer the same fate as

been given over to discussing economic matters, and

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Some Dublin sceptics fami-

liar with recent British poli-After a lacklustre cam- tital history have forecast the now defunct Department of Economic Affairs, it is fitting that since its vic. of accusous.

tory, the Government has squeezed out by opposition concentrated almost exclusively on the economy.

One senior civil servant George Colley, the deputy Affairs.

Jack Lunch to the premier- go to the affable and ener- troi of Dr Martin O'Dono. witnessed its recurn to power

marked by a mood of econo- to about 3,800,000 by 1982). elected government with a British declaration of intent. At the same time, the complete new-liamentary polithe architect of search and search architect of search architect archit

One of the Government's. The key to Fianna Fail's of the less well off. In the two countries.

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Cosgrave, the former Prime ing economic matters, and the civil service talent Minister, took personal responsibility for the humiliating defeat of his national have given the party credit aware of the close relation and resigned the for facing up realistically to ship between Dr O'Donoghus the republic's central economic difficulties.

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that in Britain, and live up attempt to secure a national unabated, with the Covernment to halve the present cent. Centralized negotiations have begun and the with a population exploit Covernment has repeatedly of frenchic economic plan, is no or these measures sin rages prime ministers—both positions agreement of 5 per men's critics insisting that shrewdness—one Irish the sudden closure of the sudden closure of the outch-owned Ferenka steel covernment has repeatedly of frenchic economic activity approach to Northern Iremaining intervation dispute.

All quiet on communications

by Ropert Fisk

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by William Ambrose

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sporting venues of the year. People travel there from all parts of the country, and

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which actually came on be allowed to cloud the pic-stream—14,000—were neut-ture of success. Since 1960 ralized twice over by the more than 700 overseas 28,000 jobs lost. But this manufacturing projects have year there should be a sub-stantial net gain of about with IDA assistance; they 10,000, still far short of the represent a combined invest-20,000 new jobs a year re-ment in fixed assets of about quired from industry if the £600m and at full output will Government's avowed goal employ more than 80,000 Government's avowed goal employ of cutting unemployment to workers. The United States has con-

"acceptable" 4 per cent 1986 is to be realized. tributed over 200 projects, accounting for almost half enough investment to produce these jobs rests squarely on the IDA's shoulders; foreign investment will continue about £100m. Japan has to be the test of the author recently moved into third rive factories, the £60m will continue to the second reason why IDA five factories, the £60m will continue to do selection is musted.

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Despite the record flow of accounting for most of it. American investment the Germany and The Netherland investments, in the IDA's task is more daunting than ever and the authority has been putting more ity's success. This leads to the second reason why IDA

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These industries have been attracted by the unwering welcome for foreign facturers and by the IDA's generous financial ince including tax-free profits for exporting industries. profits tax relief is liely to become a victim of EEC Commission distavo before its scheduled to Industry, Commerce Energy has repeated!

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stances and rumoured plans successful sectors have been to begin producing in the engineering and electronics; The author is editor, Bus United States, than with the chemicals, pharmaceuticals ness and Finance.

Hurling and horses absorb the sports mad

by Donal Foley

The Roman Emperor Cali-gula appointed his borse a consul. The Irish follow the Roman Emperor Calisame tradicion, according to the cynics. The horse, they maintain, is Ireland's best

Foreign Affairs, conceivably, would doubt this assertion, but at least it serves to show that the Irish are sports mad. Indeed, mad may be regarded as the operative word when one learns, for instance, that in

Bur quite apart from local idiosyncrasies, there is no denying that every kind of sport is avidly pursued and supported by the Irish. In foreign eyes horse racing has

A day's racing at a rural meeting in Ireland in high summer is certainly an event to remember. Farmers dress in their Sunday best and throng the beer tents; women examine all the china-ware, clothing and kitchen women examine all the chinawomen examine all the chinaware clothing and kitchen sembles Australian Rules
equipment in the stalls of football, is even more
the travelling markets; The popular in counties such

"trick the loop" man, the as Kerry, Armagh, Dub- Clearly, the fanciers all thimble man and all the lin, Galway, Mayo and Kil- hope that one day they will other bucksters and mounte-banks ready to make a quick capacity crowds to Croke Master McGrath, who won bob are an accepted part of Park Stadium, Dubin, for the Waterloo Cup three the scene.

Rue racing contrary to tember. The reigning cham-hound in the world to have

But racing, contrary to popular belief ounside Ireland, is not the great Irish popular sport, even though the gambling is a national malaise. The real Irish sports are the indigenous ones of hurling and Gaelic football.

Down Tipperary way in late summer a farmer will antended in England. With the differ. Say to you: "If we only had the popular sport, even though the gambling is a national malaise. The real Irish sports are the indigenous ones of all the players coursing addict knows. It is between Waterford and Clonnel. He had his salt in either area who a famous ballad written could not throw off the about him which every without difficulty.

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late summer a farmer will say to you: "If we only had the hay saved and Cork bet (beaten) it would be a great rivals in the great hurling battles of the year. Indeed, so intense is that rivalry that a hurling victory over Cork is regarded by Tipperary men to be as important as a good harvest. The feeling

Hurling played with sticks is nearly as fast as ice hockey. It is played with 15 a side and will attrac. 50,000 people to a Munster final, for instance, between Cork,

ence that Gaelic games are coursing, as distinct from strictly and genuinely amateur. Sociologists accept lar sport in rural Ireland, that to study Ireland properly, a knowledge of the the Anti-Blood Sport organ-Gaelic Athletic Association izations are common. Clours is essential. For many, ob anna, where the Irish Cup servance of its rules and coursing finals are held, is edies is a way of life. regarded as one of the great

Professional soccer of the local part-time variety, which is normal in Ireland, has never attracted the crowds in the same way as the Gaelic pastimes have but the return of Johnny Giles, the Irish international captain, has given that code, too, a fillip. Giles, formerly a star performer with. Leeds affairs and enjoyed by every body. The sport which has

performer with Leeds
United, returned this year to
Shamrock Rovers, one of the
few famous soccer clubs in
Ireland. He is the player
Inanager, and has introduced
high grade professional
methods. He is running
something of an academy at
Militown, the headquarters
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of the Rovers club.

O'Connor is now aging, but Strangely, every Irish is still the over 50's world child knows all about British champion. His nephework and Irish players in Chemita. Junior has made are supported with an in-tense local pride. The Irish television service recognizes the devotion of the Irish public to English soccer by

soccer is that British which the local club cannot compete. The krish inter-national football team conse-

lrish rugby, on the other

Lansdowne, as well as in Cork and Limerick The fact that rugby is an All Ireland game and that

ireland takes part in inter national matches as a united nation are potent factors in its favour. It brings Unionists and Nationalists together a Ravenhill, Belfast and Lansdowne Road, Dublin, and enables them together to cheer for their country.

Irish rugby, although not achieving great success in the past few seasons, can still hold its own with the best in the British Isles. The feats of Mike Gibson and Willie John McBride have made them into national beroes. The Irish bockey eam has a good internations reputation, and the game like cricker, has its loca ollowing. Oddly cricket in popular in some counties such as Kilkenny, and the cricket clubs were regarded by one Irish historian as "hot beds of Fenianism".

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Farming is a new status symbol

by Hugh Clayton

Membership of the EEC may states, bearing the hills of Italy and the plains of France in terms of the predominance of agriculture in the economy. Almost a quarter of the Irish populapared with a Community average of less than a tenth. Since Ireland joined the EEC in 1973 it has operated

are appearing in isolated parts of the countryside. The

have enjoyed many of the advantages of membership

the green pound in the two markets in perishable pro- the republic's milk which is countries accounts for the ducts. distortions which encourage. The danger is that the pro-

in an English country town food than its own people for the same price as it eat. Its main raw material

rite Common Agricultural Policy in a purer form than most member states; certainly in a much purer form than Britain;

Prices and output on Irish farms have increased enormously in the past five years. The results can be seen in the large new bouses which interest in the past five years. The results can be seen in the large new bouses which interest in the clear benefits the herd and sheep flock both outnumber the human population. Beef and dairy produce together account for almost throughout the human population. Beef and dairy produce together account for almost throughout the human population. Beef and dairy produce together account for almost throughout the human population. Beef and dairy produce together account for the past five years. The key to that is expressed in the name of the human population. Beef and dairy produce together account for the past five years. The key to that is expressed in the name of the care the human population. Beef and dairy produce together account for the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years. The results can be seen in the past five years and the national can be presented and sheep flock both outcomes the human population. Beef and dairy produce together account for the past five years. The past five years are the clear benefits the herd and sheep flock but he had a institutions of the CAP. The kitty from which payments are appearing in isolated parts of the countryside. The starus of farming as a career has increased in the eyes of the whole Community is successful to the called the European Guarantee and Guidance Fund and reflects the desire in the of farmland has risen so that Treaty of Rome not just to it is often almost twice as shore up Furcase farmland.

The policy is criticized when it operates in strong farming areas like the republic for guaranteeing much more than it guides. In other words it has shown convincingly that it can pro-vide the prices needed to the British one, the green sustain a prosperous against and fragmented."

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EEC. farm prices into it can consolidate that gain: Dairy produce has been national currencies and those by giving agriculture the marketed much more sucprices have been allowed to flexibility; and resilience cessfully abroad, and that

distortions which encourage. The danger is that the pro- from three-quarters to three-tross-border traffic, both tection given by the policy fifths by 1981. legal and illegal, of livestock dulls the sharp edge of the Once again the machinery in Ireland. The Government has de and shields the inefficient Policy offers a helpful illus-

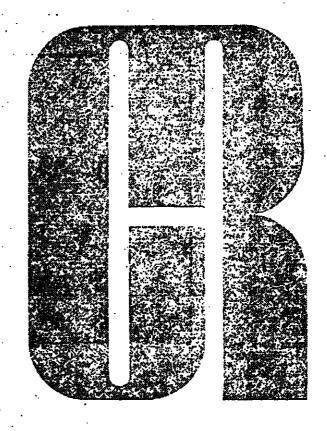
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that the chance has come just as powerful lobbies are trying to turn the policy



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A heady brew that is often dangerously intoxicating

by Conor O'Brien

Gaelic culture flourished, Gaelitachts (Irish-speaking ground now admirably responsion in the homes of the regions) and all kinds of corded for postarity.

It is a heady brew for any youngster to taste. Scarcely out of the cradle he learns of the Tain, the great carle fight between Connaught and Ulsere with its story of the Book of Kells, more as a schoolboy he will be told of the Book of Kells, more evocative music, were sponses in the eighth century; should be be in or near Dublin he could see it under more another culture; writers.

The spread of English, however, quickly produced another culture; writers. The spread of English its glass case in Trinity College. Later he will learn of the Augustan period of and the Composer Field All made their mark in England ture arose which found its followers and its the two-nation culture arose which found its found its found its found in the found in the found its found in the found

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beautiful prohibition of traditional cult. Usulavan's beautiful the Nord. There among the ture. Since no mention of account in Gaelic of life on "planters" Irish is almost Ireland could be made the Blasket Islands, Twenty unknown and yet they feel, ingenious bards invented Years A-Growing, rekindled because of their lack of any alternatives like Roisin Dubh interest in a language and identity other than English. Kathleen Mavourneen.

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(Little Black Rose) and tradition that had faded over unwanted. As a result they athleen Mayourneen. more than a century. Itish have begun to search into The result was exactly the became a compulsory subject their folklore, with remark-

The world's round

Gaelic culture, when St made their mark in England solutions and thus the two-nation culture arose which found its end of the dark ages. After comes the poet Brian of the dark ages. After music of Carolan, the haunting music of Carolan, the blind harper.

But, with the Bartle of the of Aughrim) and the Willes and Padraig Pearse of Aughrim) and the Willes and Padraig Pearse of the sevencenth century the liamite victory at the end of the sevencenth century the Bantle of the Sevence on the Manthle Saught, closer contact with and North America and North America and North America portraits yet boasts a remind that were arose which found its stanting and North America and North America portraits yet boasts a remind that serich the James Saught, closer contact with and North America portraits yet boasts a remind that was ended its use.

This mixture then, this National National Museum displays the time saught, closer contact with and North America portraits yet boasts a remind the sevence of the saught, closer contact with and North Ameri

culture so clearly seen as in the North. There among the "planters" Irish is almost unknown and yet they feel, because of their lack of any opposite of the Draconian in the schools, parts of the able success, for their own aims of the authorities; country were designated songs, plays and back-

centic twinging has darkened into right and that, dramatically speaking, the time is one minute to midnight. Little new work of any consequence is seen and the fault can be placed squencely at the door of the National Theatre—the Abbey and its "workshop" offspring, the Peacock.

Peacock.

Interviewed by The Times recently Cyral Cusack blamed the malaise on bureacratic administration and this would seem to be the case. Certainly the "new" Abbey which has taken the place of the old, burnt building, has made limie or no impact yet continues to soak up about half the total Arts Council grant of flan.

appears, however, with the rebuilding by volunteers of Dublin's Olympia Theatre really more of a music had and closer to the warm heart of the city. Again, part of the second cultural stream, the Wexford Opera Pestival flourishes but owes its suc-cess to the numbers of faith-ful followers who travel from overseas to the 500-seat venue year after year. So, too, with the Cork Film Festival which continues to not normally be seen on the main circuits. An outstand-ing example was the how-budget film, Mise Eire (I am Ireland) with its remarkable and haunting score com-posed by the late Sean O' Riada.

birth of interest in tradi-tional music which he led as Radio Telefis Eireann's musi-Ranto resears element's musi-cal director and in other activities outside that organization. With the de-cline of the "singing" pubs —vast anonymous lounges where one had the pleasure of having one's ears blasted by non music and one's by pop music and one's clothes slopped with Guinness—so the crowds flocked to the Feis Ceòleanna (Irish music festivals) and the even bigger, large-scale concerts

Gareth Browne, of the Goinness family which has done so much to encourage the arts, must claim much of the credit for the astronishme whom he first recorded for his Claddigh Records com-

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Mr Lynch accused of complacency but popularity remains

by Robert Fisk

In private, Mr Jack Lynch in the 26 counties who have suggests that his style on the yet publicly claimed they are hurling field gives a clue to sorry they voted Fianua Fail his character. He will never in the last election. his character. He will never hir out first on the field but for Jack Lynch is an astute if anyone plays dirty on him man, a compromise choice as he will always be able to get Taoiseach way back in 1966 his own back when the but a man who has his friends referee is not looking.

It is a remarkably candid Dr Martin O'Donoghue, a illustration because Mr well-known economist, into Lynch is not the kind of man the Government as Minister to give much away. His only recorded remark on the real hurling field in recent Commerce and Energy, is re-months came 24 hours after putedly Mr Lynch's favourite his Fianna Fail party won for successor, an abrasive, in-last summer's general elec-tion with a majority of more than 90 area in a summer and a summer a summer and a summer a summer and than 80 seats in Dail Eireann. "Don't be complacent", he told the Cork players in of a cult Cork men have a their dressing room at the hurling championship; and his team went on to trounce

The parliamentary Oppo-sition, infuriated by the pub-lic's continued trust in Mr Lynch and his ministers six months after their landslide at the polls, now accuse the Government of complacency. Watching Mr Lynch's choice of ministers on Irish tele-vision, plodding drearily through a series of fixed cliches as they defend their election pledge to reduce unemployment by 20,000 a year, it is not difficult to see why the Opposition com-

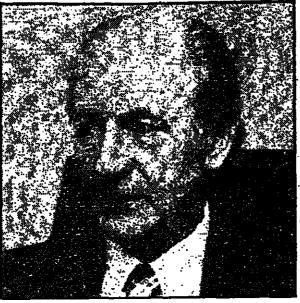
Said it would be, and first house buyers are receiving their promised £1,000 reduc-There are few people

about him in government. He has brought his close friend, for Economic Planning and Development. Mr Des O'Mailey, the Minister for Industry,

Mr Lynch's Cork antecedents has become something snobbish pride in their city which enrages other Irishmen. He has not forgotten, like several ministers in the previous coalition govern-ment, that personal popular-ity matters and that a politic-ian should keep close to his

Lynch's enjoyment, Mг when he stood up to sing "The Banks of my own Lovely Lee" after his elec-Lovely Lee " after me to the lee flows his demands for an entermination victory—the Lee flows this demands for an entermination have become partition have become steadily less strident as the have gone by. If that

But his personal sponit has only added to Mr taneity is nor reflected in Lynch's reputation for ingovernment. He is no great decison. As Mr Brian Farthinker, no academic and no rell, one of Dublin's better-But the opinion polls show government. He is no great decison. As Mr Brian Farthat Jack Lynch, holder of thinker, no academic and no rell, one of Dublin's better-that Jack Lynch, holder of thinker, no academic and no rell, one of Dublin's better-thinker, no academic and no rell, one of Dublin's are as strict in Du



his years of office and his detractors within Fianna partitionist. Certainly Mr Lynch's ambivalence towards Northern Ireland has been matched only by his Government's lethargy towards the six countries of Ireland to which the Irish constitution which the Irish constitution

still lays claim.

Perhaps it is because Mr Lynch knows that he cannot influence events there. But his demands for an end to he wrote a warm, if slightly predictable, account of his has appeared good news to boyhood Christmases in Cork the British (and the Protestants of Northern Ireland),

detractors within Fianna instant decision was re-Fail claim that he is a secret placed by longer periods of gestation"

> believed that cabinets should thrash out domestic haps he was overawed by him. But there is little of de Valera's courage in a Lynch government. The that fell across his administration in 1970 at the time of the arms trial have never really disappeared. Just how much he did know about the affair is a question often asked privately but less frequently discussed in

recent years, however, was might almost say loathingof Mr Edward Heath. cials to leak details of a

party in Ireland or why Jack Lynch is so popular. That is because they do not understand the depth of nationalist feeling and the "anti-Britishness of that feeling in Fianna Fail. It is also because they do not under stand Corkmen. Mr Lynch, of course, can disregard such foreign contempt. His Govern-ment can take a few more months of opposition con-demnation before something really goes wrong.

and mind his own business.

The British are sometimes

For if Jack Lynch has an promise to reduce unemployment. How can be do it when 30,000 join the queue for jobs every year as the population increases and when, only last month, 1,400 jobs were lost at the Ferenka umemployment stands at 10 per cent, and it will need more than a ministerial

English visitors need not feel apologetic

with the steep rocks silhouer-

Wexford-not as fair as it

by John Young

has not forgotten how Mr A few years ago I drove Heath allowed British off down to the far south-west down to the far south-west and never mind the obstacle of Ireland to interview the race between the oil drums low, a largely unspoils Ed- as Devon and Cornwall are private discussion to the of Ireland to interview the race between the oil drums press nor does he find it distinguished poet and play and other deliberate hazards easy to forget Mr Heath's wright, Mr John B. Keane, which suggest one crosses it reprimand after internment who keeps a public house in only at one's peril. who keeps a public house in Listowel At that time the Ireland in which the British Listowel. At that time the Prime Minister told him, in troubles in the north were might be, if an active conservarion society of the sort that to stop complaining at their height and, in a Ireland conspicuously lacks staunchly republican part of were set to work-may also the world like to Kerry, I be approached from the unable to understand why was prepared for some anti-Fianna Fail is the largest British sentiment. south-east by way of Ross-lare. The ferry from Fish-guard is much the better of

John B. was serving behind the two Sealink services to the bar when I arrived, and I the republic (the other being the bar when I arrived, and I the republic (the other being scious of the mountains that mearest thing to hell, but he was introduced to the assembled company as "the form Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire, near Dublin); Ross-lare "strand", two or three culminating in the distant autumn atternoon or snood at miles from the ferry terminal, is by way of being a the hauming ballad of the hauming ballad of the hauming ballad of the solder. Fresh holiday resort, with a testing the counter to satisfy a plant of the counter to satisfy a plant of hard-drinking backs.

There followed a flurry of handsbakes, a chorus of holiday resort, with a testing the hauming ballad of the saddest and loveliest of the black stuff in a hotel in the counter to satisfy a plant of hard-drinking backs.

Kerry has more than its perfect close. toon of hard-drinking hacks.

because so many of my acquaintances remain convinced that, the moment they ser foot on Irish soil, they will be verbally humiliated. come to know all 32 counties. factory at Limerick? Irish north and south, almost debated, criticized and underrated crites in Europe; Bloody Marys to mitigate quarrelled, but never once and thence to Blarney (an horrifying recollections of have I been made to feel attendant holds your feet the previous evening. that my Englishness wassomething for which I should feel apologetic.

> Fellow scribes, on their Fellow scribes, on their area) or to the enchanted storms. Yet in high summer Add a menice of inferring way to the Wexford festival, at least the Anglo-Irish, still sublime; the memory of one exasperating nature of the have become lyrical about hold sway over the yachting golden, sun-drenched after people, and you have a take their elation on crossing the harbours of Kinsale, Baltinoon on the south shore of of Ireland.

behaviour).

man who was celebrating the initabitants. death of a rich uncle in

las, become rather expenguage.

Kerry has more than its perfect day to its

Kerry has more than its perfect close.

Kerry has more than its perfect close.

The city of Galway need thought to Wickley and Data the control of the co I recount this incident only is north to Wicklow and Dublarney's ethereal beauty has not detain you long; but because so many of my lin, or west through New miraculouslly survived the head west to Connennara acquaintances remain contributes and Waterford. For onslaught of tens of end, within a few miles, you arrived that the moment they those seeking the "real" thousands of tourists. The encounter a scenic virtuo-ity reinced that the moment they lireland, whatever that might Ring and the Dingle penint that can hardly be equalled. The latter route can be sale are sombre and superb:

Take a vista of misty week assumes commended. The first bun- Tralee in race week assumes mountains, descending upon dred miles or so are unre- an uncaring vivacity surely a lowland where stoneif not physically assaulted, dred miles or so are unre an uncaring vivacity surely a lowland where stone. In the past 10 years I have markable but, once beyond unmarked anywhere else in walled cottages are almost come to know all 32 counties. Dungarvan, now happily and the British Isles; in Bally indistinguishable at a discount and south, almost you may choose the south awaits the sliced drive off boulders. Take a shoreline You may choose the southbetter than I know my own ern route through Youghall the first tee, and understand-country; I have argued, to Cork, one of the most ing barmen serve half-pint ing barmen serve half-pint

> while you lean over back-It is a harsh, hard, rockwards to kiss the stone, and strewn corner of Europe, hard pressed to match. I am not at all sure that its accustomed to bearing the There in a sec-shell you have reported powers are exagger brunt of winter Atlantic a little bit of Commemara. ared) or to the enchanted storms. Yet in high summer Add a medicum of history coast where the "Brits", or it can be serene and tory, and the charming.

> bridge over the Slaney and more and Skibbercen (whose the Shannon esmart, with seeing the lights of the fair local paper once wanted horse-drawn haywaits keing city beyond. A lovely bridge "Mister" Hitler that it was along the narrow lanes, it is too, particularly at data keeping a close watch on his hounts me to this day.

Or you can head due west and Kerry, for all their for Killarney through Mal- beauty, are to Ireland much wardian country town where to England, relatively pros-my wife and I spent the first perous showpieces which night of a post-honeymoon have so far failed to find a holiday. Our companions un balance between tourism til the late hours were the industry, agriculture and the landlord and a jewelry sales- needs and wishes of their

Cross the Shandon, either Chicago, and who recited at Limerick or by the ideilic reams of Tennysonian ferry from Tarbert, and the poetry, insisting that it was atmosphere subtly changes Comwell may have thought All around you are con that Connaught was the scious of the mountains that mearest thing to hell, but he

boulders. Take a shoreline where the rivers peter out lagoons provide a blue and

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OME INCLUSIVE HOLIDAYS There are many all-in holidays to enjoy in Ireland, and the

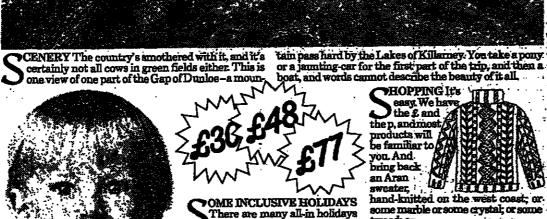
to enjoy in freignd, and the prices are highly competitive. A farmhouse-motoring trip, for instance-return ferry for car and passengers, seven nights bed and full Irish breakfast, from only £48 each. Or the Remt-A-Cottage plan: return ferry (car and people) and a fully-fitted cottage for a week, starting at £30 each. Horsedrawn caracaus are £30 each. Horsedrawn caravans are yours, including travel to and from Ireland, from £42 a week each...a motor touring holiday, with flights, a self-drive car and seven nights in fine hotels (with breakfast) starts at £77 each. Prices are based on four people travelling. More details in Welcome



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of things to do in Ireland, apart from the obvious eating, drink-ing and idling until your batteries recharge ... for instance: swimming, recharge ... for masance, swammag, sailing, canoeing, hiking, pony-trek-king, fishing (coarse, game and sea), riding, water aking, golfing on world famous courses, even scuba diving. If you've got the energy to do it, we've got the facilities to help you. YUARANTEED .



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by Maeve Binchy

dish of somewhere but to small room was packed with is tasted by descerning wine anyone Irish it certainly is French people who managed bibbers.

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to dispense with their tradiWhat do we do better than tional distrust of any food Jameson to a Paddy drinker, anyone else? Bread ceroutside their own land.

and neitner would accept a rainly. I laugh at these combrown from, a half pound of white flour, a pinch of bread soda and sour milk. Eating out in Dublin is so are broader, longer and more bread soda and sour milk. Eating out in Dublin is so are broader, longer and more presonal if you are a Dublin is so are broader, longer and more interesting than they were some years ago. People do the newer out some of the newer of t fields and red with orchards.

This perhaps is why I have set as beer with your curry where the potato was do to tried out some of the get a beer with your curry tored instant mash, the vege tables had been brought back from an earlier dehydrated life with boiling water and which are the food guides.

This perhaps is why I have set already licenses that are already licenses that for miles through country-side green with firm cab-bages or healthy potato from an earlier dehydrared of merits in the food guides life with boiling warer and the apples in the frozen pastry had come from a in. The explanation was the same—the cost of labour. It was cheaper to buy a catering pack of instant soup.

Oh, yes, much cheaper than paying somebody who would sit in a kitchen preparing vegetables and stirparing them in a soup. Anyone could see that.

But now, like others, the Most people know qualitating which is watching who

fishing industry for survival is true because I actually The author is on the staff of to need to advertise fresh failed to recognize a muddy. The Irish Times. fish, you do see these signs nowadays, and they are considered a big draw. Fish was always there in the "chippers", but it has gone upmarket, and many of the nicest restaurants are those which specialize in seafood.

I think most of Ireland's cating problems have been roned out. There was a time up-to a few years ago when restaurant in the middle price range. You could eat splendidly at a high price or gloomily at low prices but there was nothing in between. Now that has all changed mainly because of young people.

Youngsters go on more foreign holidays so these days you have Italian. Greek and French restaurants in Ireland. This may not appear to be a tribute to Irish cooking, but still it has had some excellent side effects. Apart from making us slightly more adventurous about eating out, it has also shows restaurateurs that you do no have to be into heavy napery weighty silver and bone china in order to serve an interesting meal, and it has improved the home product immeasurably.

Last summer alone, I ato simple, un pretentious meals in restaurants that were never there before. Particularly I remember a magnifi-

by Maeve Binchy

west coast, with the Atlantic thundering under the cliff, there in the tiny village of the county that provides the restaurants offer people served freshly caught what they call "typical Irish mackerel with crisp potato cakes, and home cured bacon as carefully chosen and corned beef and cabbage, with colcannon, a dish I savoured in the simplest Now, I think I've eaten corned beef in Ireland about twice and never in a restaurant potato creamed up with beer drinkers, or as the procault in the typical dish of somewhere but to small room was packed with is tasted by descerning wine west coast, with the Atlantic unlovingly poured pint the

outside their own land. 'and neither would accept a In Dublin new small Powers, while the Eushmills restaurants are opening all supporters would regard the that people unearthed in restaurants are opening at other three brands as being Britain during the bread the time, my own favourites so far removed from their strike. I thought everyone being the ones with limited taste as to approximate to a knew the way you made menus which have their own mere Scotch. bread was with a pound of little selections and their Good news for winers and brown flour, a half pound own ever-growing clientele, disers is that the wine lists

paring vegetables and stir. Drinking in Ireland often enough you can join ring them in a soup. Anyone what can I say that everyone chuld see that.

But now, like others, the Most people know qualitating which is warthing who ively even more than I do, is at the next table or comand even though it is ludicated to judge. They will know them all which relies heavily on its anywhere else; this I know The author is on the staff of the court of the paring industry for survival is true because I actually The author is on the staff of

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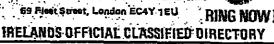
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Restrictions on

From Professor A. W. Woodruff

Sir, Since, 15 years ago my col-leagues and I first published work indicating that infection with animal helminths creates a public

health problem in Britain I have

health problem in Britain I have avoided as far as possible public controversy on this matter. As a medical scientist I believe it is my duty to provide the facts and to leave the public to make up their own minds on what should be done on the basis of these facts, When, however, the facts are falsified in debate in the House of Lords I believe it is important that I should

lieve it is important that I should

In your account (The Times,

December 15) of the debate concern-

ing restrictions on dogs Lord de Clifford is reported as having said

that the banning of dogs from parks seemed a gross interference with the freedom of the individual, Second, "on the grounds of risk to public health he said there were

no facts to support such grounds.". Third, he stated that the main source of infection was the suckling

Regarding the first statement

surely it is accepted that individuals cannot have freedom to harm others. Contamination of the environment with infective material

from dogs certainly harms others and it would appear that dog owners must accept some degree of control in the public interest in much the

same way as drivers of motor vehicles accept controls.

Regarding facts on contamination

of public parks and children's play-ing grounds with infective material,

the evidence is now overwhelming. Our own study of such contamina-tion was published in 1973 and

several confirmatory studies both in Britain and overseas have now been published.

The statement that "the main

source of infection was the suckling bitch" is also grossly erroneous. Our first study of the prevalence of

toxocaral infection in dogs, pub-lished in 1964 showed that 20.7 per-cent of animals of all ages were so

infected. Since then Dr D. E. Jacobs and his colleagues have reviewed evidence indicating that 7.3 per cent

of top show dogs from all areas in Britain are infected, that 12.8 per cent of police dogs and that 15 per cent of breeders and dealers dogs

There can thus be no doubt that

unrestricted access of dogs to public places constitutes a public health danger and that those local authori-

ties who are protecting the popula-tion for whom they are responsible are acting, sensibly and ultimately

in the best interests of all, both dos owners and non-dog owners.

A. W. WOODRUFF, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine,

Hovercraft development

Sir. Your Shipping Correspondent's article (December 19) on the problems of the French N500 hovercraft will be read with mixed but sympa-

We frequently read unsubstan-tiated allegations that our ideas

are no often successfully developed abroad, to our national disadvan-tage. In fact, only hovercraft built in, or under licence from, Britain

carry passengers regularly anywhere in the world. British companes have

elso benefited, not only by exports of creek, but by collaboration on military craft and the industrial uses

of air cushion principles, particularly in the USA and Canada.

The cooperation over 20 years between the National Research

between the National Research Development Corporation and in-dustry has meant that, in spite of mistukes and difficulties, we have succeeded in maintaining our lead.

From Mr T. A. Coombs

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Medical Unit and Toxocaral

Reference Laboratory, St. Pancras Way, NW1.

are infected.

Yours faithfully,

December 16.

dogs

emorse is such that she will be

haunted by it all her life. Some people will consider that right and

proper, others will view it more

Too long a punishment, in adapt the words of W. B. Years, can make a stone of the heart. She has been 12 years in prison. No one who knows anything about prison life

supposes that a few more years of interceration would be expected to make her a better woman.

Last summer, a deputation con-sisting of an ex Lord Chancellor, and ex Home Secretary, an ex Chair-man of the Parole Board and myself,

waited on the Home Secretary to urge that life prisoners who have served 10 years should be at least

allowed access to the first stages of the perole process. There were then about half-a-dozen such prisoners of out of more than a hundred serving

our or more than a himdred serving life who had not been granted access. I repeat with strong conviction the case we stated then. It applies, of course, to Ian Brady (and others) as well as Myra Hindley though in fact Ian Brady does not expect release.

not expect release.

There is no magic in the 10-year period. It is a way of saying that at a certain point some little ray of hope ought to be extended to every prisoner, irrespective of his or her past. To refuse this minimum gesture of natural justice would seem to be a deplorable repudiation of Christian or any other reputable ethics.

I am asked so often why I am

I am asked so often why I am not more interested in victims that I cannot refrain from mentioning that during the last few months I have been working with others including victims or their relatives to give a new lead in that direction. I cannot help recalling the end of a book written many weeks are A

a book written many years ago. A young man has gone to prison and his sister rejects him. This dialogue

then follows between the sister and the mother: Mother: Have you no forgiveness for him? Sister: None for him. Mother: Have you no sins to be forgiven? Sister: None like

onately.

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OUT OF WORK AFTER SCHOOL

countries fear inflation, it used to be said, the British go line paroxysms of anxiety once the numbers out of work begin to mount But the British this year have reacted much as others are supposed to do. No doubt this is largely because we have had such an unpleasant taste of inflation : it may also be that even with memployment at nearly 6 per cent it touches only a small minority of the people. Yet there is one notable exception to that general rule: youth unemploy-

When the demand for labour falls in a country where there is comparatively high job secu-rity for those in work the effect is most severe on those joining the labour market. Employers run down their work forces by the process of natural wastage, which involves an unnatural stop on recruitment until the required level has been reached. The young worker is not able to compete on equal terms with those in a job: he has to wait until an opportunity occurs, either unemployed altogether or in work below what he might reasonably have expected from his qualifications. In both ways young people are bearing an exceptional share of the burden of unemployment, and these consequences, going beyond the bare statistics of the un-week's OECD report predicts that employed are liable to be felt unemployment in the United by a great many families across. Kingdom will level off new year, the country, not confined to any

with confidence and energy, according to our Hongkong corre-

spondent. The new political winds blowing during 1977 ex-plain some of this new confi-

dence — no more campaigns against Confucius, no further

risks from shifting definitions of

political sin. More tangibly there

has been Mr Teng Hsiao-ping's

influence in driving the economy forward with the promise of a

higher standard of living. "His mind is materialistic and not

idealistic"; said a Chinese worker approvingly when inter-

viewed in Peking two weeks ago.

When he says something he does it. So the Chinese people

The question is whether the

new energy is being effectively harnessed in expanding Chinese industrial production. Merely to

remove all the political hurdles

that have got in the way of development in the past decade

would do much to make 1977 figures of production much

better than those of recent years.

What has certainly changed are

the priorities. There is probably

less disagreement on these among the current leadership

than on external or military

matters. That means the plan-ners will be able to look ahead

trust him."

article this year to an examina-tion of the circumstances of the age-group from fifteen to twentyfive. Alongside the narrowing of job opportunities there are other signs of restlessness. Jets changes are more frequent for young people", it is pointed but "than for the population as a whole", and "associated with the greater job mobility of young people are higher levels of dissatsfaction with their jobs than older workers."

older workers There may not seem to be any reason for surprise or anxiety in that. It is hardly assonishing if a number of young people do not strike lucky with their first: employer and only sensible that: they should then move about until their needs are met. But to put it like that is to suppose that their reasonable needs can be met without too much diffi-culty and it is possible that we are new approaching one of those critical junctures in any I society when the expectations of the younger generation, especially the more highly educated of that generation, have to be

scaled down significantly.
This trend may not be a lasting one. Unemployment may drop, though for the moment that must come into the category of pious hopes rather than a calculation based upon evidence. This though at a rate of nearly 6.5 per cent. Social Trends points out There are the makings here that in the short term there is of one of the major social proban unfortunate combination of lems of the next decade, all the demographic factors: a large

One of the most urgent goals to be achieved "basically" by

1980 is the mechanization of agri-culture—" basically " in Chinese, usage means hope rather than promise. That date is unattain-

able but the country most cer-

trate on its agriculture, 1977 has

proved a fairly had year thanks

tunately there have been far

more of them-drought, floods,

exceptional frosts, hailstorms,

typhoons, pests and plant diseases added to such political

disaffection as may have spread

down to the communes from the

agitation going on in the cities.

For the planners the failed crops of 1977 have meant import-

ing more than ten million tons of

grain for delivery in the latter

part of 1977 and early 1978 and

may need almost as much more, according to informed estimates,

before 1978 is out. Then there

improved standards. Since the

October 1 wage increase pork,

chickens and eggs have been

short in city markets; in a coun-

try where so many live close to

subsistence added purchasing

power always goes on food. Still,

it was a sign of changing times

are the shortages that follow

to all the usual caus

rainly has good reason to concen-

One of the lessons of 1977 has more distribing when youth number of young people coming been that the public reaction to unemployment is seen in the on the labour market "at a the highest levels of unemploy. context of other factors brought thing when relatively small ment since the war has been to light in Social Trends, the numbers (born around 1914-18) much milder than the convent annual publication of the Gov. will be reaching retirement age, tional wisdom would have led exament Statistical Service, and when more margined women one to expect. Whereas other which devotes its main analytical are also seeking works. But a are also seeking work. But a more numerous generation will be approaching retirement later and the fall in the biffs rate after 1964 means that fewer young people will be looking for jobsin the 1980s.

But that will be little consola-

rion for the present generation of vising people contemplating the closed doors in frontier them. It is on the whole a more highly educated generation them its predecessors. The marker of students are full times, higher education seems to have stabilized after the rapid expension of the late 1960s. So too with the propertion of school-leavers in England and Wales with a level qualifications. But more and more of them have O-legels or their equivalent and increasing numbers, are obtaining A tion for the present generation numbers are obtaining A-levels through part-time further

education. It.
These trends have all the inese teends have all the marks of a strictly vocational purpose. Young people, are either staying on at school or taking part-time instruction afterwards to get the dialifications that they believe employers will want. They are not seeking in increasing numbers those attainments for which it is thought there is a less ready market—Social Trends refers to
"the feeling that a degree is no
longer a passport to a good'
job". If they then fail to find a
responsive employer and feel
themselves to be condended to

work that mocks the skills they

have acquired, there is a danger

of a generation that will remain

rootiess, soured and apathetic.

CHINA'S POLITICAL ECONOMY

out scruple among factory wor kers, one agitzted correspondent asked. Others, sharing Mr Teng's, outlook, argue unashamedly that

It is probably safe to conclude that the atmosphere within China's working life has much production has gone up remains questionable. For one thing the rudimentary statistics basished from China after 1960 have yer to be restored. For another, it is now admitted that normal pro-March of this year, that is to say five months after the political turn round following Mao's death. So 1978 will be the first chance for a year of politically

Without the encouragement of, without fear of constant inter, that the People's Daily article a favourable forecast from the ference, the managers will no noting this deficiency was OECD China is entering 1978 longer be subject to irrelevant entitled "Arrange city markets with confidence and energy, political criticism.

> more pay will mean more prot ductivity.

improved and labour discipline with it. By how much actual duction was only restored in unimpeded economic effort is China since 1965.

KILOMETRES ALL THE WAY

One of the most primitive pleasures of touring on the Continent is the speed with which one seems to get around. The kilometres glide by with dreamlike ease. The car seems to hum with unsuspected horsepower, and the driver discovers with pride that he can eat up a hundred kilometres in scarcely more time than it would have taken him to drive 62.1371 miles at home. Dashing around like that, no wonder foreigners appear so dynamic and prosperous. The Government is determined to bring the benefits of metrication to British road users, too, as soon as possible (which seems to be within about eight years). Unfortunately, once we have become accustomed to the kilometre we shall never again experience exactly the old lift to the morale on setting forth southwards from Calais.

Visitors to Britain, however, will be permanently freed from that sensation of driving in treacle which is created by the reluctance of each weary mile to fall behind. Indeed, there is an external impulse behind the announcement that the Minister of Transport is to make shortly about arrangements for the change. Relinquishing the mile was one of the obligations that Britain undertook when she entered the EEC. It is not likely to be a popular move: many people become greatly attached to the units of measurement that they have dealt with all their lives, and it is tiresome being required to register, calculate. and estimate in a new measureespecially when the benefits to be expected from its operation.

are hard to discern. Once the decision was taken to replace the pint with the litre, the yard with the metre and the ounce with the gramme, consistency pronounced doom on the mile. The great virtue of the metric system is its comprehensiveness, and there are many advantages in adopting an arrangement used by most of our international customers. The advantages directly associated with ditching the mile are slight in themselves, but the kilometre comes with the package. Reduced inconvenience for

visitors from abroad is perhaps the greatest benefit to be expected from the change. Transitional inconvenience for the British themselves must be set against it, but in practice both are likely to be slight. The cost, on the other hand is not. Sign-posts may perhaps be left to tell us how many miles to Babylon until the ordinary time comes round for them for be repainted, but the changebyer of speed-limit signs will have to be done quickly. No figure has been named, but the introduction of believed to the change of the c bilingual road signs in Wales cost 12m a few years ago. If is not difficult to think of more urgent uses for public funds.

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From Mr Geoffrey Pattie, MP for Chertsey and Walton (Conservative) Sir. Although the effectiveness of our contribution to Nato has decreased and is decreasing despite Covernment denials, you were right to reply to the criticism by the Defence Correspondent of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. To describe Britain as "the weakest link in the Western Alliance" is going it a bit

Herr Weinstein is entitled to catalogue our current weaknesses but when he blames Britain for nor oining in the AWACS purchase, he reveals himself in his true colours. Britain has been a pioneer devotee to the concept of sirborne early warning and has operated a home produced system for over 20 years.

Britain supported the AWACS pur-chase but made it clear that as development work was proceeding. on our own Nimrod project, a firm decision by Nato would have to be made. It was the Germans who, less sold on the concept of airborne early warning, repeatedly prevari-cated at Nato ministerial meetings so that the British would be forced eventually to opt for their own system and at the same time take the opprobrium for going unilateral.

Your Defence Correspondent has very thoroughly reviewed (December 22) the state of play in the tank gun contest. In this matter, both the United States and the United Kingdom are being hustled into a decision in a time frame which is entirely to suit the convenience of the Germans, who have decided unilaterally which gun they want on

their new Leopard II tank due in service in 1979.

The United States requires its new tank in service around 1983 and the United Kingdom its new tank in about 1986 or 1987, so as far as these two countries are concerned, there is time for the whole project to be thoroughly assessed in

a calmer manner than seems likely

at present. While one can understand the German sense of urgency given the sizable investment in the project by Rhein Metall, and while it does not give pleasure to appear to be capping at an ally, if people like Herr Weinstein point to the motes they cannot complain if someone in turn draws attention to the beams.

W. N. S. CALVERT. Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY PATTIE, House of Commons. December 22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

on builders

From Mr Ian Deslandes

Sir, All those who have had cause, either in the course of their business of providing houses, factories and effices or who have carried out extensions to their own houses, will have noted with regret the announcement by the Government that they have decided to withdraw their recent proposals to amend the General Development Order (The Trites, December 15).

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That the planning system is the cause of extensive and expensive delays and that one of the factors countibuting to these delays is the excessive number of minor and insignificant epolications was clearly established by the recent all-party report of the House of Commons, environment sub-committee on planning proceedures. That sub-commentates, having examined in great detail an enormous volume of evidence from all interested perses, endorsed the Government's proposals to widen the scope of development permitted under the GDO, and the Government themselves spent more than a year in consulpation on their smeathments before laying the Order before the House.

It is to be hoped that this with It is to be hoped that this with-drawal does not now indicate that the Government intends to how before the storm of misleading and inaccurate criticism of the proposals that has been orchestrated by mem-bers of the planning profession who no doubt resent the possibility that their opportunity to control develop-ment down to the smallest details would be slightly diminished by this proposal.

Societing in the House of Lords

Speaking in the House of Lords on behalf of the Government, Lady Birk gave the lie to the more hysterical critics of the Order who have given the impression that con-trol over extensions and conversion of houses in conservation areas will be lost. She explained that listed be lost to be expended that have been building consent will still be required where any alteration is proposed that would affect the character of a listed building, and she made it clear that conservation areas will not suffer, because of the ability of pleaning authoricies to exclude the operation of the GDO within all or any part of their area, subject to the consent of the Secretary of

that the People's Daily article noting this deficiency was entitled "Arrange city markets properly and let people be happy"

The October wage rise was so far overdue as to arouse no criticism. But over productivity bonuses there have been objections from young Magists. Would a new bourgeoiste not spring to in prove the performance of the suital minuter of planning system. Sometimes leading to significant industrial or housing developments being delayed or abandanced. The Government estimated that between 10 per cent and 20 per tent of the sould mainter of planning spring to be taken out of the system by this proposel. This would undoubtedly a new bourgeoiste not spring to improve the performance of the entire planning system; and that the greatest social and economic to his work "were applied with the present.

Out scrupte among factory work."

I hope that the Government will

take its courage in its hands and feintroduce this Order as soon as considered the courage only long enough the explain clearly and inequivocally, to all interested parties, both the proposals.

Yours sincerely, JAN DESLANDES. Director, The House-Builders Federation, 82 New Cavendish Street, W1. December 16.

Developing industries From Mr W. N. S. Calvert

Sir, William Rees Mogg has very clearly set out the issues raised by industrialization of developing countries and the threat that this poses to the developed countries (arricle, December 12). Recently some of these issues

Recently some of these issues, were well aired at a conference on the future of the world leather and leather based industries organized by UNIDO. In essence the spokesman for the developing countries pointed to the very real potential for building up these industries in their countries; and they were urging the developed countries both to provide the capital and the knowhow to help them do this, and also to to help them do this, and also to keep their markets open to develop-ing countries imports. In reply the ing countries' imports. In reply the developed countries pointed to the extent to which their markets had already been taken over by low cost imports; and they asked how they could be expected to provide help to developing countries if the result was to be the destruction of their own industries. With unemployment to high levels and likely to remain see high levels and likely to remain so, they argued that labour intensive industries could no longer be sacrificed to accommodate imports from the third world. One point in debates of this kind

is so obvious that it tends to be overlooked. This is that it is not the developed countries who need the low cost manufactures of the deve-loping countries—it is the people of the developing countries them-selves. There is no justice in a sys-tem for example that requires workers in the third world to make shoes for the saturated markets in developed countries when their own families remain barefoot. What is needed is a plan by which the rich countries can transfer the skills and capital available to poorer countries without jeopardizing their own in-dustries in doing so. The essence of such a plan could be that if developing countries were to recognize the right of developed coun-tries to protect their own industries against imports at prices they cannot hope to match, the developed countries in return could be more generous and willing than hitherto to offer them the necessary skills, which at home are often underntilized at present, and insolar as it is available the capital also. Yours faithfully,

Director. Economics and Legislation, British Footwear Manufacturers : Federation, ... Royalty House, 72 Dean Street, W1. December 16.

Planning controls Future of the Moors murderers

From Lord Longford

From Lord Longford

Sir, The practical issue of Myra

Hindley and parole has two espects

one general, one particular. The
first question is whether any criminal, whatever they have done,
should be denied access to the
parole procedure. The second
question is whether a particular
prisoner, in this case Myra Hindley,
should be generated parole. (a) in should be granted parole, (a) in the near future, (b) or any time. I may, with any strength I possess, that the first question should be decided on paintiples applicable to will prisoners; the second on the merits of the prisoner as best they can be ascertained. In neither case should public outcry, real or manufactured, and in the case of Myra Hiddley we have seen plenty of the latter, be allowed to determine the outcome.

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Not long ago, a high person in the Parole Board wrote to a friend of mine: "To be frank, I cannot see Myra Hindley being released until the day arrives that the Home Secretary can be reasonably confident that her return to the community will not be greeted at once with howels of protest. It may be hard on her, but public opinion could only be set aside at the risk of total damage to the whole parole system." I hope and believe that the above expression of opinion is unfair to the present Home Secretary, or any possible successor. Your older readers will remember that during the war there were "howls of protest" when Home Secretary, Mr Herbert Mornison released Sir Oswald Mosley from detention.

A. debase in the House of Commons followed but Mr Mornison rode the storm. It did him no harm whatever and no one now supposes that he was wrong. It seems to me numeroscary to surpleme more

that he was wrong. It seems to me unnecessary to attribute more cowardice to present Home Secre-taries than Herbert Morrison showed

at that time.
When I talk of ascertaining the when I talk or ascertaining the merits of the prisoner, I naturally have in mind our present parole procedure with all its admitted imperfections. There is first the review by a local tribunal, mainly independent of the official authorities, though a governor sits on it. Then comes the parole board. There is finally the Home Secretary who may consult one or more judges. any consult one or more judges.

I have little doubt myself that if and when Myra Hindley goes before a local review board she will be recommended for parole sooner rather than later. No one who knows her seriously supposes that she would be a public menace if she were released. Her state of

his. The sister, if I remember con-rectly, was an adolescent girl who came to Christianny later. I cannot believe that her point of view is that of a country which still claims to be Christian with at least some

justificacion. Yours sincerely, FRANK LONGFORD: Sidgwick and Jackson Ltd, 1 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, WC1.
December 28.

Unification Church

From the Reverend Eric Inglesby Sir, It may well be true that Diana Part's articles included some errors, as Mr Dennis Crine asserts (letter December 22). This is an occupational lazard in journalism. But Mil-Moon's theology is riddled with assertions which are "untrue, misleading or distorted", especially in respect of God's word in Scripture. How width, therefore, that Dennis How wrong that he should so com-pletely mistunderstand its meaning in the context of Christ's life.

Jesus rejected the earthly king-dom concept. So must we. His dom concept. So must we. His was and is a kingdom "not of this world" (Jn 18:36). We do well to think that communism is largely of the devil, but so are many other isms, perhaps even capitalism, and it is just as fatal now to oppose political communism by Christianity as it was to oppose Romen militarism of old. This was the very temptation Christ overcame.

And so to the greatest distortion

And so to the greatest distortion of all. Three years ago, in reply to an auxious hishob, I said: "At the heart of the thing, as I understand it, there is a Korean called Moon, a rabid anti-communist who had some sort of vision and regards himself as another Messiah. Apparently he teaches that the trudiction was all rether a mistake. Apparently he teather a mistake. What's wanted is for all genuinely religious folk to get magether for the good of the world and mankind. The general idea is that all good people have something of the Holy Spirit, therefore this unification

thing must be the work of the Holy Spirit, QED. Obviously this is a travesty, and no genuine Christian can see any abiding unity except in and through the Cross."

This is the crux of the matter. For the Christian Jesus is God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. The "Moonies", like other non-Christians, regard him merely as a good and godly man, a messiah but good and godly man, a messiah but an unsuccessful one. This distorted theology is a menace. Sun Myung Moon is just another false Christ (Mt 24: 24). The Unification Church is causing more and more damage not only to family life, but also to faith in Christ, and him crucified" (1 Cor 2:2). Either we are indeed saved by the blood of Christ or we are not. Was the crucifizion, really a "mistake"? That is the Question. We cannot dodge the scanded of the Cross.
Yours faithfully, ERIC INGLESBY, Spring Cottage.

West End Gardens, Fairford, Gloucestershire. December 22. From the Rev Canon P. B. Binchliff

Sir, Is Mr Manley-Sale (December 23) intending to imply that those who write letters to The Times about the Unification Church usually have their facts wrong? Paul was surely a tent-maker not a

to be the birthplace of a new Judge

in Israel.

Yours faithfully.

Oxford.

D'AVID HAWKES,

All Souls College,

Buying books

From Dr Henry Hardy

in Israel.

As in their previous journey, the Chaldeans would have required no stellar guidance. There was a perfectly good road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem; and why should they be so eccentric as to travel along it by night? Matthew IH, 9-10 is

inconsistent with what goes before and must be taken as a piece of story-teller's embroidery. The shepherds who watched their flocks

by night come in another book and

have nothing to do with the Magi.

Matthew says that the mother and child they southt were found by the Wise Men in a house.

Sir, I wish to dissent strongly from

Mr Goff's counsel of imperfection (December 20). The large number

of books in print provides no reason-

able excuse for abandoning the ideal of supplying any individual

book quickly. This is one of the prime responsibilities of any pub-lisher who deserves to succeed. It

seems from their chairman's letter

of the same date that David & Charles, at least meet this challenge, for all that booksellers do

lenge, for all that booksellers do upt take advantage of their efficiency. I too, in my much smaller, way, supply by return, and would be ashamed if I didn't. The service of some publishers is quite bad enough without the National Book

League proffering such an encour-

agement to complacency.

Robert Dugdale, Publisher, Wolfson College

HENRY HARDY.

Oxford.

The Chogyal of Sikkim From Major General Sir Alec

Bishop

Sir, May I support the plea made
by Mr Brisen Crozier (December 19)
for the abandanment of any
harassment which may be imposed
on the Chagyal of Sikkim and his
family. No one who has visited
Sikkim can fail to be impressed by
the manner in which the ruling
family devote themselves to the
wellbeing of the people, and seek
to cooperate as closely as possible
with their powerful neighbour in
the south. It is hard to understand
why this attitude should not receive due recognition from a government with the reputation, and the with the reputation, and the prestige of the Government of Îndia.

Yours faithfully, ALEC BISHOP, Combe Lodge Beckley,

The Star of Bethlehem From Dr David Hawkes

Sir, If the star, believed by some Ai of the Former Han dynasty (i.e. 5 BC, which was the penultimate year of the reign of Hered the Great, king of Judaea) was indeed the Star of Bethlehem, it cannot be said that the Wise Men "followed" if in the literal sense favoured by medieval illuminators and modern Christmas card illustrators. It seems probable that Chaldean

astrologers, like their Chinese counterparts, would have associated particular constellations of groups of constellations with particular areas of the terrestrial world, so that a star suddenly appearing in Aquila would suggest some epochmaking event—the birth of a god, sav—in Psiestine. The Chaldeans would require no stellar guidance to find the capital city of Judgea.

tax-collector. Yours faithfully, PETER HINCHLIFF. Balliol College, Oxford.

As your correspondent says: "It all comes as a pleasant surprise." Yours faithfully, T. A. COOMBS, Chairman, Hovercraft Developments Ltd. Kingsgate House, 66-74 Victoria Street, SW1. Having got there, the gospel tells us, they very sensibly made inquiries at the court of king Herod. December 19. They were there directed by learned Jews to pursue their inquiries in Bethlehem, since this was the city of the hero-king David and destined in native prophecy

Teaching handwriting From Mrs Basil Gray

Sir, Mr Roderick Thomson wrote to on the copper-plate style of hand-writing in schools. The caption to writing in schools. The caption to the illustration unfortunately gave a highly misleading impression of my views, and I would like to point out that the thesis of my article was that the teaching of handwriting must be adapted to the pen which is going to be used in later life. The flexible nib required for writing copper plate is obsolete, the broadedged pen proper to italic hand is obsolescent. The pens of today are the ball-point and the fibre or plastic tip. What we need to evolve are new writing movements, a new writnew writing movements, a new writ-ing rhythm, and possibly a new pen-hold in order to make use of the great 'positive advantage of these pens, their easy, pleasurable move-ment in all directions. We write badly with ball-points because we use them wrongly.

I entirely agree with Mr Thomson that what we need is clear, fluent writing. At the moment, however, the attainment of this fluency is frustrated by the current practice of teaching "print script" as the first stage in learning to write. There is no natural transition between copying printed letters and acquiring a cursive hand, and many children never get beyond the first stage; only this week I found a postgraduate student making notes forming each letter separately. He told me this was the only way he

knew of writing legibly. It is my view that the teaching of handwriting needs radical reform, based not on looking backwards except in so far as legibility demands continuity-but in looking Yours sincerely.

NICOLETE GRAY, Central School of Art and Design, Southampton Row, WC1. Driver did not deliberately

might have been could have played

what part had been played by alcohol? Professor Mant, who conducted a post morten examination, found that Mr McCreedie's blood alcohol content was 26ting per 100ml, equivalent to the consumption of 17 tots of spirits by

sumption of 17 tots of spirits by a man of his weight. Professor Mant gave it as his opinion that a driver having over 150mg per 100ml blood alcohol was almost certainly incapable of dealing with an emergency and if he had over 200mg he would be unlikely to be able to propel a car with any certainly.

be able to propel a car with any certainty.

His Lordship had no doubt that Mr McCreedie's consumption of alcohol had played a causative part in the catastrophe. His strange loss of control of the car in ordinary conditions became readily explicable in the light of his blood alcohol content. His excessive speed and his inability to correct the situation were clearly associated with a loss of judgment induced by alcohol. The predisposing cause of the crash was the drinks he had taken.

The first legal issue was

drinks he had taken.

The first legal issue was whether what happened was an "accident". Mr Toulson argued that the essence of an accident was that it was fortuitous and that a death was not accidental if it was a naturally and reasonably foreseeable result of the deceased's voluntary course of conduct. He said that both the driving and the decision to drive after drinking were voluntary acts and that a reasonably foreseeable consequence of those voluntary

consequence of those voluntary acts was the loss of control and the ensuing injury causing death. Hence the death was not an accident.

rence me deam was not an accident.

It was important to keep distinct the two causative elements—the immediate cause. Mr McCreedie's manner of driving; and the predisposing cause, his drinking. If the first alone was regarded, the crash was accidental. It had long been established that the assured's negligence did not deprive a happening of the character of accidental. But ought it to be regarded in isolation?

His Lordstep considered Gray

aster was Mr McCreedie's action in approaching the bend at 100 high a speed—considerably higher than Mr Brazrup's estimate—and appreciating too late that he had to steer to his left. In the language of running down cases, the cause was Mr McCreedie's negligence. There was no ice on the road, and such moisture as there might have been could have played

expose himself to danger

Law Report December 28 1977

Before Judge Fay, QC, sitting as a High Court judge

[Judgment delivered December 21]

A man killed when driving a motor car negligently and know-

ing that he had consumed too much alcohol and who, in the ab-sence of evidence to the contrary,

accordingly an exclusion clause in

a Lloyd's personal accident policy exempted the insurers from lia-

Mr Paul Hampton for the com-pany; Mr Roger Toulson for the

HIS LORDSHIP, in a reserved

HIS LORDSHIP, in a reserved judgment, said that at 10.15 pm on Christmas Eve. 1975. Mr McCreedie, an engineer, was killed when he lost commol of his car in Hurst Road. Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. The company had chosen him to be project director to set up a new production scheme and had insured his life under a Lloyd's personal accident policy for £15,000. The underwriters were sued when they refused to meet the company's claim.

The defence was threefold. (1) Death was not caused by "acci-

The defence was threefold. (1) Death was not caused by "accidental bodily injury" within the meaning of the policy. (2) Death was caused by the deceased's "deliberate exposure to exceptional danger" within the meaning of an exception to the policy. (3) Death was caused by his own criminal act, as stated in another exception to the policy. Five criminal acts were alleged, the most material acts being driving while unfit through drink and driving at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public (sections 5(1) and 2 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972).

SOCIAL NEWS

The Prince of Wales is to visit a Prince's Trust project in Strath-childs and attend a digner in aid of the trust in the City Chambers, Giargow, on February 23.

A memorial service for Sir Charles Petrie will be held on Thursday, January 19, at noon, in the Guards Charles, Wellington Earracks, 81.71

Eirthdays today

Sir Richard Beaumont, 65; Lieutenam-General Sir Robert Ford, 54; Mr. II. Andrew Freeth, 65; Mr Gibert Hunt, 63; Dr Magnus Pike, 69; Sir Norman Richards, 72.

Today's engagements

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Exhibition: Slayonic manuscripts, British Library, 10-5.

Exhibition: Intriguing Illusions,
Stience Museum, 10-5.

Paul Jovee, Elders, photographic exhibition. National Portrait Gallery, 10-6.

Concert for young people: Queen Elizabeth Hall, 3.

Puppers: Punch and Judy, Madame Tussaud's Waxworks

Museum, 12-4.

Walks: A London village, Hampstead; meet Hampstead Underground, 2.

Lady Spencer-Churchill A service of thanksgiving for the life of Baroness Spencer-Churchill will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Tuesday, January 24. Accommodation will be reserved for relatives, heads of foreign and Commonwealth missions, members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, official representatives and personal friends. In order that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made.

In order that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made, those in the above categories are asked to make application for tickets as follows by not later than January 10: relatives and personal friends to Lady Soames, Co Flat 5, 7-Princes Gate, London, SW7, Ambassadors and High Commissioners to the Vice Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps Foreign and sloters to the vice Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and others (in writing please and enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope) to The Registrar, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London SWIP 3PA. An allocation of seats will be kept for members of the will be kept for members of the general public, who will not require tickets.

Latest wills

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£100,867

Spence, Miss Fanny Marie, of Hexham ... £126,400

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

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International tenders are invited for the supply and installation of the whole of the electrical and electro-mechanical equipment needed for the sixteen (16) wells of the Bouteldja water table as well as for the two pumping stations at Bouteldja and Salines with a view to supplying the ANNABA area with drinking water.

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Sous Direction de l'Utilisation des Ressources Hydrauliques, Boile Postale No. 34

Tenders accompanied by the necessary documentation should be sent to Monsieur le Directeur des Projets et des Réalisations Hydrauliques at the above address within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice. Bidders will be bound by their tenders for a period

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The Pope bending to kiss a child as he was borne to his weekly general audience at the Vatican vesterday

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, Dec 29, 1952

Dec 29, 1952

The reported capture between Madagascar and the African coast of a second Coelacauth fish is an event of very considerable interest. When just before Christmas, 1938, the first specimen, five feet long and weighing 127ib, was caught by a trawler off East London it was regarded as "one of the most amazing events in the realms of natural history in the twentieth century". The Coelacanthidae, a family of fishes belonging to a sub-class of bony fishes known as Crossoptenygii, were at that time only known from fossil remains runging in date from the Upper Devonian period, not less than 300 million years ago, to the Cretaceous period, some fifty million years ago. No scientist in 1938 believed that there was any living Coelacanth, though another Crossoptenygian order is represented by the still surviving lung fishes. The sudden appearance of so large and striking a creature (it is brilliant steel-blue in colour living in the sea fifty million years after the supposed demise of its kind, was indeed a jolt to anyone who was disposed to believe that the natural world had no large undisclosed surprises in its secret keeping.

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Mr N. W. H. Taylor and Miss K. S. Spencer
The engagement is announced between Nigel, eldess son of Mr and Mrs Brian Taylor, of Franklands, St Leonards, Tring, Hertfordshire, and Kirin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Spencer, of 10 Priory Drive, Stillorgan, co Dublin.

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Answers: 1. Joe Halnes; 2. Eric ven Däniken, high priest of astrotheology; 3. Monna Lisa; 4. Steel lintels; 5. Marlene Dietrich; 6. Lord Litchfield; 7. Saki; 8. William Douglas-Home; 9. William Hague; 10. Gore Vidal and Norman Mailer; 11. Bernard Levin; 12. Feliks Topolski; 13. Byron Rogers; 14. The late James Dean; 15. Danish opera singer; 16. Professor Galbraith; 17. Audrey Whiting; court correspondent of the Sunday Mirror; 18. William McGonagall; 19. Margaret Thatcher; 20. The actor Richard Goolden; 21. Sir Ian Bandroft; 22. Justow Serious and P. H. Simpligessverk; 23. Buildwas in Shropshire; 24. Put a blade under a model of the pyramid and it is tangent of the pyra Shropshire; 24. Put a blade under a model of the pyramid and it is supposed to stay sharp; 25. The world Monopoly championships were held there; 26. France, at Mortagne au Perch; 27. At Kew; 28. President, Royal College of Physicians; 29. Peter Casson; 30. The prophet had come over from America; 31. Posics; he is a ballet addict; 32. It is the fourteen hundredth anniversary of the founding of Anglo-Saxon England; 33. They were holograms or laser 33. They were holograms or laser beams; 34. Denis Healey; 35. Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary; 36.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss E. M. G. Wilson
The engagement is announced
between Ian Scott Anderson,
ARCM, Dip Mus (Dundee), only
son of Mr and Mrs George T.
Anderson, 279 Holmlea Road, Glasgow, G44, and Elizabeth Margaret
Grant Wilson, MA, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. I. C. Wilson,
42 Victoria Crescent Road, Glasgow, G12.

and Miss E. A. Faure Walker
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of Dr and
Mrs J. B. Bamford, of Ely and
Stanboe, Norfolk, and Janie,
daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel
and Mrs H. W. Faure Walker, of
Sandon Bury, near Buntingford,
Hertfordshire.

and Miss S. M. Benson
The engagement is announced
between M Jean-François Héron, of Paris, and Stephanic, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Benson, of Epsom, Surrey.

and Miss K. C. Wade West
The engagement is authounced
between Julian, eldest son of Captain and Mrs Ian Powe, of 11
Capella Road, Northwood, Middlesex, and Katharine, younger
daughter of Dr and Mrs Thomas
Wade West, of Old Bursledon,
Hampshire.

Mr W. R. Primrose
and Miss C. S. Wilson
The engagement is announced
between William Robertson Primrose, BMed Biol, MB, ChB, eldest
son of Dr and Mrs David A.
Primrose, Ardeer, 40 Middlemuir
Road, Lenzie, and Catherine
Seonaid Wilson, RGN, SCM,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
J. I. C. Wilson, 42 Victoria
Crescent Road, Glasgow, G12.

and Miss L. A. Norman
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. S. Wicks, of West Kirby, Wirral, and Lyndsey, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. Norman, of West Kirby, Wirral.

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accidental. But ought it to be regarded in isolation? His Lordship considered Gray V Barr [1971] 2 QB 554), which dealt with the question whether a death was accidental within the meaning of an insurance policy, and said that he preferred the approach of Lord Justice Salmon and Mr Justice Geoffrey Lane, the trial judge. Lord Justice Salmon had made the point that the word "accident" covered negligence; he accepted that marine lusurance cases showed that the cause last in time was not necessarily the effective cause; but he reached the same result as the Master of the Rolls by finding an implied term in the policy that it was not intended to cover such an accident as the one in question. It was important that in a docustil) and 2 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972). Mr Braarup, who was a passenger in Mr McCreedie's car, said that that evening they had called at two public houses and at a private party. He said that Mr McCreedie was driving perfectly well and his reactions were extremely good. As they were about to go round a left-hand bend the car "lost the road", the rear wheels started to slide, and the car went into the air and crashed through railings on the other side of the road. He estimated their speed at 50 mph, and thought that the skid was caused by wet or ice on the road. A man and a woman in an A man and a woman in an approaching car thought that Mr McCreedie's car was travelling very fast, about 60 or 70 mph. His Lordship was satisfied that the immediate cause of the dis-It was important that in a docu-ment such as an insurance policy, which ought to be understandable by laymen, not to depart if pos-The night sky in January

Mercury will be at greatest elon-gation west on the 11th when it will rise about an hour and a half before the Sun. Versus will be in superior con-junction on the 22nd and will not be observable this month.

Mars will be in opposition on the Mars will be in opposition on the 22nd. It is retrograding in Cancer and its magnitude is about 1.0. It will pass just north of Praesepe, not through it as it did in November. Moon in the area on

November. Much in the area on the 23rd.

Jupiter is a bright object, magni-tude —2.3, between Taurus and Gemini and visible for most of the night. It also is in retograde motion but not nearly as quickly as Mars. Moon near it on the right 20th-21st. Saturn is in Leo and also visible

for most of the night. Very close to Regulus on the 20th. Moon near it on the evening of the 25th.

Uranus is a morning star in Libra, rising in the early hours, but it is not visible to the naked

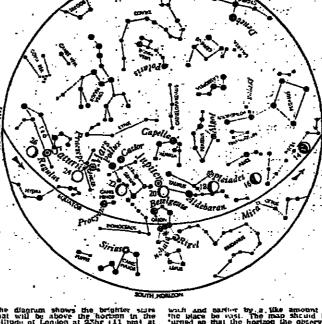
Neptune is a morning star in Ophiuchus, also not visible to the maked eye.

The Moon: last quarter, 2d¹2h; The Moon: last quarter, 201211, new, 9d04h; first quarter, 16d03h; full, 24d03h; last quarter, 31d24h. Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 16d22h and 19d19h. On the 16th, minimum will be just before sunset, so the star will still be below normal when the sky darkens.

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Mira: this variable star is still near maximum, but is likely to have faded somewhat by the turn of the year.

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have faded somewhat by the turn of the year.

The Orion group of stars dominates the sky to the south at this time of year, and as they are bright stars it is a good opportunity to study star colours. They do not look like traffic signals because they are not bright sungh; the eye needs a greater intensity of light to see colour than is needed to see the source itself. A time exposure on colour film does show clear colour distinction, though colour photography has certain weaknesses for astronomical purposes. It should be possible,

Science report

Nuclear energy: Research into fusion process

Scientists at the Laboratory for Laser Energetics of Rochester Uni-versity in New York have reported an important advance in research aimed at producing energy from controlled nuclear fusion. For the first time it is possible to make direct measurements of the density of fuel pellets that have been compressed by energetic laser beams. Energy is released either when certain heavy nuclei split apart in the process known as fission or when some light nuclei are fused together. The present debate on nuclear energy is concerned with the difficulties of the fission process, in particular with the inherent dangers of the fuel itself and the waste products produced inherent dangers of the fuel itself and the waste products produced in the reactor. The nuclear fusion process, on the other hand, does not use such a dangerous fuel, although it may well have considerable difficulties associated with waste products, and it has on occasion been promoted as the process promising unlimited supplies of energy from seawater. That is a rather misleading sim-plification but it is certainly true that if controlled nuclear fusion can be achieved it will provide an

extremely attractive source of is the approach being attempted energy. It is also true that that by the recently approved JET will be very difficult; an enormous research effort has started but it will be next century at the earliest before fusion becomes a viable energy source, according to the hot fuel is confined by its owner, according to

most estimates.

The difficulty is largely one of ignition, the fuel will "burn" easily enough once it is lit, but enormous temperatures and pressures are required to ignite it. The same difficulty occurs with sures are required to ignite it.
The same difficulty occurs with
the hydrogen bomb, which produces energy from the fusion
process: once lit, the bomb works
spectacularly but an atom bomb
must be used as a detonator to
generate the high temperatures
needed.

In order to generate energy
from fusion, an intensely hot

In order to generate energy from fusion, an intensely hot plasma of hydrogen isotopes must be confined long enough for the nuclei to fuse together. The temperature required is about one hundred million degrees centigrade and that raises the problem of containment—how can such a hot plasma be held?

There are two possible solutions: one is to contain the plasma by a magnetic field, that

own inertia.
The latter approach is the one

The latter approach is the one adopted by scientists who are trying to achieve controlled fusion with the use of lasers. A tiny glass buble, a "microballoon", is filled with fuel and then blasted from all sides by an intense burst of energy from a laser. That causes the fuel to be compressed and heated, and given the right conditions fusion will take place. The right conditions are not conditions fusion will take place.

The right conditions are not easy to achieve. The laser must deliver a few million megawatts in a few picoseconds (a millionth of a millionth of a second) and that energy has to be deposited on to the microballoons, which have diameters less than that of a human hair.

One of the major difficulties is measuring exactly what goes on

to be increased by a thousand times, and so far a precise measurement of the density of the compressed fuel has not been possible. Such measurements have to be made if there is no be any progress.

Scientists at Rochester Univer-sity filled microballoons with neon sity filled microballoons with neon and examined the X-rays given off when the neon was compressed by a laser system. They show that the characteristics of the X-rays can be used to determine the density of the compressed neon and their results show that target compressions by a factor of 150 have been obtained.

In future research therefore

In future research, therefore, neon can be added to the nuclear fuel to give a direct method of measuring the amount of fuel compression. Such a diagnostic technique could be a crucial step towards achieving controlled

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Queen's Bench Division | OBITUARY

SIR HERBERT SEDDON Advances in orthopaedics

Emeritus Professor Sir ties in the Wingheld Morris
Herbert ("Jim") Seddon, Hospital, which became the
CMG, FRCS, died on December 21 at the age of 74. He
was Nuffield Professor of Orthomassile Support to Orthodord from paedic Surgery at Oxford from 1940 to 1948, Director of

which he was dealing. He was con-vioced that the man in the street would say that Mr McCreedie had died in an accident.

A further reason for adopting that view was that, had some other person been killed by Mr McCreedie's driving, it would have been an accident within the mean-ing of his motor policy. If the been an accident with the hearing of his motor policy. If the same events killed both the driver and a bystander, to call one an accident and the other not an accident was the kind of decision that brought the law into discounts. Hulme Grammar School, Manchester; St Bartholomew's Hos-pital Medical School, London; and became an Instructor in Surgery at the Ann Arbor Medical School, Michigan, United States. It was there that he met and married Mary Lorence Lytle in 1931 who surthat brought the law into disrepute.

Dealing with the question whether the running of the danger was a conscious act of volition his Lordship referred to a number of Canadian decisions and said that a clear distinction could be drawn between cases where the predisposing cause was the deliberate taking of an appreciated risk and such cases as the present where the predisposing cause, although it led to the taking of the risk, involved a risk which was neither deliberately run nor actually appreciated. He found that Mr McCreedie's death was accidental. Lorene Lytle in 1931 who sur-Lorene Lytle in 1931 who survives him, as do his son and daughter. During the Second World War his wife and children were "evacuees" in the United States and Sir Herbert spent these very lonely years in Oxford separated from those of whom he was proud and loved. His parents lived with loved. His parents lived with him during these years and were of great comfort to him.
Worcester College—of which
he was then a Professorial Fcllow (1940-1948)—gave him nuch companionship and to his delight he was made an Honorary Fellow of his old college in 1966.

ally appreciated. He found that Mr McCreedie's death was accidental.

His Lordship rejected the argument that Mr McCreedie had deliberately exposed himself to exceptional danger when he drove knowing that he had consumed an excessive amount of alcohol. In the absence of evidence he was not prepared to assume that Mr McCreedie had thought about his condition or the risk he was taking. The effect of alcohol frequently made the victim careless, and Mr McCreedie's driving, in the state in which he was, was negligent but not deliberately so. The exclusion therefore did not apply. succeeded Girdlestone as Nuffield Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery.
Oxford University, in 1940 and during the following eight years he was a world authority and adviser to the Colonial Secretary on the outbreaks of poliomyelitis in Malta and Mauritius. He contributed significantly to the understanding and treatment of tuberculosis of the As to exclusion by the deceased's own criminal acts, his Lordship found on the facts that of the five acts alleged Mr McCreedie had committed two offences that had a causal connexion with the accident. Did they fall within the expression "criminal act"? His Lordship would find it right to find an implied term limiting the phrase "the insured person's own criminal act" so as to exclude acts of inadvertence or negligence, but there was no instification for confining it to cases where a subjective test of conscious wrongdoing was applied, as he had applied to the phrase "deliberate exposure to exceptional danger". In his Lordship's judgment he was concerned with criminal acts of the found content of the phrase of the factors of the fa spine and to the management of peripheral nerve injuries, particularly of wer time casual-

through a quarter of a century, her face was familiar to thousands of playgoers who did not know her name.

In his Lordship's judgment he was concerned with criminal acts other than those of indvertence or negligence. If he were wrong and that the limitation on the criminal acts was that they be crimes of moral culpability or turputude, as suggested by Mr Hampton, he was satisfied that the offences of dangerous driving and driving while under the influence of drink were sufficiently serious to qualify Wherever the line was to be drawn, those offences were on the exemptive side of it. They were serious offences and could a few years later, with a small son, she went in 1916 (at a salary of fifteen shillings a week) as box-office manager for "the Lady", Lilian Bavlis, at the then freshly flowering Old Vic. Brisk and auburn-haired, she became known generally as "Clarkie", the were serious offences and could not be excluded from the insured person's own criminal acts which afforded the underwriters a defence to the claim. His Lord-ship accordingly found for the defendants. name by which nearly every between the wars would think of her affectionately.

of Postgraduate Studies and paedic Surgery at Oxford from 1940 to 1948, Director of Clinical Director of inc Royal Studies, Institute of Orthopaedics 1948-65; and Professor of Orthopaedics, London University, 1965-67.

The son of John Seddon he was educated at the William Hulmo Crammar School Victoria and Control of the Institute of Orthopaedics as a postgraduate school within London University. He held postgraduate school within London University. He held many official and important appointments to the Medical Research Council and to the Colonial Advisory Medical Committee as we'll as serving as an adviser and statesman for the development of orthopsedic surgery in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and other developing

third world countries. He was knighted in 1964 and had by then received many honorary degrees, prizes and eponymous lectureships, but the one which gave him much pleasure was when he was elected doctour homories cause. elected docteur honoris causa, University of Grenoble.

Underneath a perhaps what shy exterior Herbert Seddon was a kindly and thoughtful man and his friendship once given was something to cherish. His many acts of kindness were always shown discreetly and he was narricularly gifted in his relationship with children, who always responded to his affection and

Historically owes a great debt of gratitude to Herbert Seddon for introducing such a firm discipling of scientific observation and thought into the subject.

He was a retiring man but of great strength of character. To the last he was an active Reader at the parish church of St John's, Stammore.

MRS KATHLEEN CLARK

Mrs Kathleen Clark, who died on Christmas Day in south London, aged 86, greatly endeared herself to the theatrical profession. Moreover,

Married at 18 and widowed

She was a Cockney, warmly loyal and individual. "Really another Lilian Baylis", Dame Sybil Thorndike said to Richard Findlater. "the Lady's" biographer. It was only just that she should have been driving with Miss Baylis on the night of a celebrated car accident in central London. "She's the

men; whereupon Miss Buylis stirring from apparent uncon-sciousness, added "and Sadler's Wells" before she sank back

Early during the Second World War, when the Waterloo Road theatre had been hombed. Clarkie was managing the Old Vic companies that trured with the support of CEMA, the Arts Council's fore-Charles Landstone, whom she

aided at the council several years, used to say that when he visited any company during the war, or afterwards, the first greeting was, inevitably, "How's Clarkie?". She ably, "How's Clarkie?". She mothered them all; and later, in the St James's Square offices, she continued to be one of the council's loved figures until her retirement 2t 65.

After this she kept a close link with the stage at large by

helping the editor, Freda Gave, to bring out two of the min-quednial volumes of Who's Who in the Theatre. Latterly an invalid, her cheerfulness never waned. Clarkie's laugh was contagious, and to the end her manager of the Old Vic", natural wit, on the rele Clarkie told the ambulance and off, was unchecked.

LOTTE SCHONE

Lotte Schöne, the noted Austrian soprano, has died at her home near Paris at the age

maus and as Musetts. When she moved to the Berlin State Opera in 1925, she graduated to heavier roles such as Eva, Manon, Mimi and Cio-Cio-San. From 1922 to 1934 she was a regular visitor to the Salzburg Pestival, where she was a delightful Zerlina, Despina and

Her sole Covent Garden appearance was Liu at the her home near Paris at the age of 86. During the 1920s and early 30s she was one of the most sought after singers of the lighter lyrical roles.

She was born on December 15, 1891, at Vienna where she studied. She made her debut at the Vienna Volksoper as a bridesmaid in Der Freischütz in 1915. She stayed at that time she made an unforteatible record of Liu's two arias. When the Nazis came to power in 1933, she was forced as a Jew to leave Germany, and she moved to Paris, where her Melisande was much house for two years, appearing first London performances of to 1915. She stayed at mar where her mensance was much admired at the Opera Comique, in 30 operas, before moving in After appearing there in Morart 1917 to the State Opera, where she remained for seven happy she virtually retired from the she remained for seven happy she virtually retired from the years. She was perticularly stage, although she continued admired there in her Mozart to appear in recitals: her roles and as Adèle in Fleder ability as a lieder singer was

appreciable.

The joyfulness and high spirits of her singing and of her character can still be cantured on her numerous records, the best of which show a tech-nical skill and a natural ease of forward vocal production too seldom heard among her suc-

MR LAWRENCE TURNER

Mr Lawrence Turner, Con-ervative member of Parliament for Oxford from 1950 to 1959,

War he enlisted in the ranks and was later commissioned in the Royal Artillery. Serving in Theirand he was taken prisoner and served on the infamous Burma Road project. By the time, he was released he weished only seven stone. During his captivity he lectured on politics.

He stood as a Conservative for Oxford from 1950 to 1959, died on December 17 at the age of 68.

Henry Frederic Lawrence
Turner was born on December 30, 1908, the son of G. F. farlane, and reduced the Labour man of the South Oxfordshire successfully in the general election of 1950 but later that year was chosen by the Oxford City at a by-election at Paddington. Conservative Association and was educated at Radley, Reading University, and Exeter College.
Oxford. In the Second World
Oxford. In the Second World succeeded to his father's peerage. He won the ensuing by election, increasing the Conservative majority in a straight that the tast mediates. seat until 1959. He married in 1938 Edna May He married in 1950 Educations Harriey. They had a son and a daughter. The marriage was dissolved in 1966.

BISHOP ASHDOWN

The Rt Rev Hugh Edward Ashdown, Bishop of Newcastle from 1957 to 1972, died on December 26 at the age of 77.

of St. Mary, Portsea, a parish where many distinguished clergy had their early training.

Lady Sheepshanks, widow of Sir Thomas Sheepshanks, KCB, sometime Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, died on December 23. She was Elizabeth Creemer, daughter of James Calvert, and she was married in 1921. Her husband died in 1964.

From 1934 to 1937 he was ... chaplain and lecturer at his old theological college, spent six cember 26 at the age of 77.

The son of William Edward Ashdown, he was born on July 5, 1904 and educated at St John's, Leatherhead, Keble College, Oxford and Lincoln Theological College. Ha was ordained in 1929 to the curary of St. Mary, Portsea, a parish He married in 1937 Georgina

Sylvia (nee Battye) and they had one son and two daughters.

Count Sforza-Galeazzo Sforza, deputy secretary general of the Council of Europe, died in Strasbourg on December 28, He was 61. He was the son of Count Carlo Sforza (1873-1952), the distinguished former Italian's Foreign Minister.

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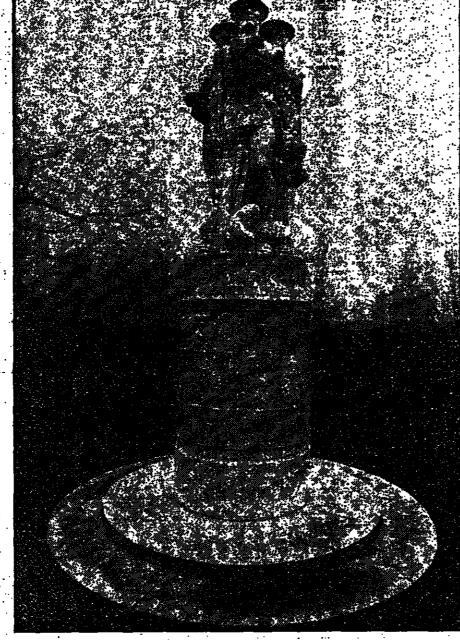




Top: Robert Graves at the foot Joyce, and part of the exhibition "Elders" at the National Portrait Gallery now.

Right: The memorial to the 24th Division, 1914-1918, in Battersea Park, by Eric Kennington. Robert Graves is the model for one of the figures, but who are the other two? Photograph by Harry Kerr.

Above: War Memorial to the Royal Artillery at Acove: War Memorial to the holya Alliely at Hyde Park Comer. Sculptured by Sergeant Jagger, who was also the creator of the monument to the men of the Great Western Railway in Paddington. Times library.



What We wanted Them to look like

story on this page which tied good deal of experience. together an exceptionally attractive and amusing book, Women We Wanted to Look Like, by Bridgid Keenan, to an exhibition of formidably to write about after the successful women photo-graphed by Mayotte Magnus, problem was that while the at the National Portrait Gallery. The piece concluded with a few ideas on how various ladies on The Times and had obviously given and elsewhere thought they some thought to their tunities, the dreams of various men, too.

There is a new exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery which consists of photographs of men taken by Paul Joyce, which will run Ayer, John Bratby, Lord

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of which they have had a join curry, the Earl of Femgood deal of experience.

Being of the persuasion "only". There is plenty of that elders are frequently material here.

The photograph I liked of the elder whose work I counterparts".

The photograph I liked best, perhaps because it is of the elder whose work I counterparts." women were quite happy to discuss who they would have liked to look like, from Greta Garbo to Queen Mary,

might like to look, and, appearance even when nothing if not adherent to greatly distinguished in the the concept of equal oppor- masculine world, the elders were very shy. Students of preordained sex roles in society might care to let me know what fearful English repression this suggests—are women still automatically conscious of their physical until February 5. What looks even when they can makes the group even more match men in jobs, or are interesting than their fame our men still imbued with is that they are all of a cer- the neo-Puritan thought that tain age, indeed the show is concern for handsomeness is called "Elders". Sir Alfred wicked? William Golding was the most succinct. He said he did not know who Butler, Henry Moore, Sir said he did not know who Nikolaus Pevsner, J. H. else he might have wanted to Plumb and Max Wall, to look like because it had name but a cross-section, never occurred to him to ask lower, preside, glare, or saze stoically out at a world sure what he looked like, anyway. "If you have a beard—and it's not so much himself since he was not very a beard as not shaving—you

never have an idea what your face looks like." Trying to level the opportunities of age, I then asked numerous females whom they would like their ideal man to look like. Interestingly most chose elders-James Mason got three votes

but confronted with a
potential exhibition of
youngers we could only come

Some weeks ago we ran a of which they have had a John Curry, the Earl of Pem- polytechnics" in manufactur-

have so greatly enjoyed, was of Robert Graves. He is framed with a hand on the base of the war memorial in Battersea Park, sculpted by Eric Kennington in memory of the 24th Division. Graves modelled for the central figure, so my Christmas quiz is: who were the other two?

The beauty and the dignity of this memorial prompted me to think about other representations of how we wanted men who would by now be elders to look. I have always admired the Gunner memorial at Hyde Park Corner and the equally superb bronze on platform one at Paddington station; no surprise to the readers of this page, my eye deceived ine not. They are by the same sculptor, C. S. Jagger, who was always known as Sergeant Jagger. He started creative life as a goldsmith in 1906, won the much coveted Prix de Rome, open to painters, sculptors and engravers. He was twice wounded in the First Word War and won the Military Cross. Who were the models for Hyde Park Corner and Paddington, which commemorates the 2,524 men of the Great Western Railway who died in the service of

1918? Paul Joyce is not only a textile industry will respond photographer. He is also the to this opportunity not by director of six documentary films and four plays.

their country between 1914-

youngers we could only come The Times recently up with Peter Jay, David reported the intention of the Owen, John Bates, Jimmy DES to set up special five-Neighbour, Prince Andrew, year degree courses at five creative competency.

A year ago I applauded the suggestion made by Professor Kenneth Alexander, chair-man of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, in his speech to the CNAA in Edinburgh, that up to 15 educational inspiritions with a concern for design should be extracted from the thrall of the DES and handed to the DOI so that students might be more properly trained for the rigours of competitive industry in which design

must play so crucial a part. That recognition of superior design is, I believe, the only justification for import sanctions. Of course I want the British textile industry to revive, of course I recognize the contribution of the few fine firms-Ascher for example we have left; with such an expensive state design educarion programme how can the Government possibly not support our cause even in the face of the needs of the Third World?

Until now, the import growth rate of raw textiles and made-up clothing has been running at 15 per cent a year, but an agreement between EEC members and the Third World due to be signed this week will limit the growth rate to 6 per cent. My hope for 1978 is that the textile industry will respond just passing on the second-rate and by a shoddy compla-cency, but by the implementation of our unrivalled skills in technological advance and

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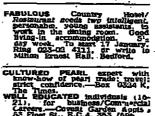
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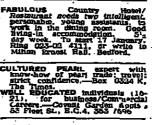
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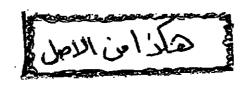
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BUSINESS NEWS



City fears

to Cardiff

By Derek Harris

over ECGD

transfer plan

Exporters and other compan-

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ingly alarmed at the possible

effects of a plan to move from

London, to Cardiff the under-

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Credits Guarantee Department.

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has been receiving an increas-

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leave or take early retirement.

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The London Chamber of

Post Office on course for another year of record profits

Industrial Editor.
The Post Office Corporation, which has already been required by the Price Commission or return more than £100m in excess profits to telephone sub-scribers, is again heading for a big surplus in its current finan-

Yesterday speculation that the figure might be as high as £450m, based on the trend indicated by preliminary internal accounts for the first six months from April to September, drew a cautious reaction from the corporation.

A spokesman said it was too early to start talking about the surplus in specific terms. Forecasts were constantly being casts were constantly being revised in the light of internal monitoring of results.

What could be said was that there would be no question of excess profits and a figure of f450m was, as a projection, much too high.

In its last financial year the corporation made profits of nearly £400m but this was cut to £291.3m after the Price Commission intervened on telephone

Significantly, the corporation yesterday confirmed that the relecommunications side of its business was on its profit target set by the Government (a real rate of return of 6 per cent from the years 1976-77 to 1978-79).

This would indicate a massive

This would indicate a massive surplus before interest but after historic and supplemen-tary depreciation.

tary depreciation.

It would indicate a figure of £400m on the present accounting basis, but the overall profits of the corporation are determined also by the performance of the postal side, which may not break even in spite of the big rise in Christmas mail.

The corporation has to earn The corporation has to earn a substantial profit on its tele-

phone services to pay for the heavy investment programme required to improve the ser-Any excessive sum earned above its statutory financial target in the year ending next March will clearly be looked at by the Price Commission.

A year ago Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, set the precent financial target. the present financial target on

William Barlow, the new Fost Office chairman, said he hoped

that the commitment to hold telephone charges could be extended beyond next spring, which would mean that they had been steady for 21 years.
The corporation's problems



Sir William Barlow: Post Office

of eight loss-making years. The size of the future wage bill is not known, and this could dis-rupt forecasts for breaking even on the postal business. The Union of Post Office Workers, most of whose 201,000

members work on mail services. has still to negotiate a ray claim, which could range from 6 per cent just to consolidate previous wage supplements to well beyond 10 per cent.

conference, the leaders are still under an instruction to press for a claim that protects living standards, provides for con-solidation, and ends anomalies between postmen and other corporation staff.

A union spokesman said yesterday that if reports of another big profit were true the union would have great difficulty personding its members to accept a pay award, due to date from the beginning of 1978, within the Government's

Financial matters are to be Waterhouse,

for second time in month

Rustenburg, the free world's largest platinum producer, yes-terday announced an increase in its producer selling price from \$175 to \$180 (about £100) an punce, the second rise in a

The move follows Impala Platinum's decision just before Christmas to overtake Rustenburg's earlier increase by raising its selling price a full \$18 to \$180 an ounce. With the strength of the pound, the minimum sterling

selling price remains unchanged

ducer price follow increasing strength in the free marker in London, where prices nudged the £96 level a week ago, compared with the free marker's marked weakness over the past

Prolonged weakness in demand for platinum has led to serious problems for the two main producers, Rustenburg and Impala, with lower profits forcing them to cut their dividends.

IATA watches low fares

Rises

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but also an important element of a wider system of inter-national trade and economic

now centre on the postal busi-ness, which last year after previous price rises, recorded a profit of £24m, ending a run

Although Mr Tom Jackson, the general secretary, has warned his members of difficulties in negotiating a deal as envisaged by the union's amount of the leaders are still asserted the leaders are still asserted.

guidelines.

the present financial target on the understanding that the corporation would avoid further office increase until March, 1978, at least.

Earlier this month, Sir ment of worker directors to the until am Rarlow, the new Fost consumer representatives and a team of full and part-time

taken over by Mr Frederick

Platinum price increased

Rustenburg has also reduced production by 20 per cent.

By Arthur Reed

Traffic and financial projections for 1978 for world airlines look to an improvement, but precise forecasts were being rendered difficult by the continuing experimentation with low fares on the North Atlantic, Mr Knur Hammarskjöld, director general of the International but also an important element Air Transport Association said

what extent a new, previously untapped market would emerge, or whether these fares merely diverted traffic from other types of fares.

In the world of international availation, it was easy to overlook the fact that air transport was not only a public service, to general of the International of a wider system of internations. Air Transport Association said

How the markets moved

It remained to be seen to relations.

exchange markets, he added.

Mr Wallich, who was speaking at a kincheon in New York
of the American Economic Association and American Fin-ance Association, said official

American intervention in recent weeks had been adequate to meet the degree of disorder in the market.

The Times index: 207.76+2.12

The FT index: 490.4+6.7

Mr Henry Wallich, a gov-ernor of the Federal Reserve Board, said here that "United

States interest in a strong dollar is undeniable.". Nevertheless it

would be a "mistake" to say that this interest should be

THE POUND <u>Benk</u>

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Equities were strong. Gilt-edged securities scored gains. Dollar premium 88.5 per cent (effective rate 37.02 per cent). Sterling closed \$1.8950. The effective exchange rate index was at 64.6.	whilet SDR-£ was 0.637973. Commodities: Reuter's index was	Sweden Kr 9.21 8.86 Switzerland Fr 4.04 3.82 US 5 1.93 1.88 Yugoslavia Dur 38.75 36.75 Rates for small denomination bank notes only 44 supplied yetierday hy Barchays Bank international Ltd, Different mics apply to travelers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Business appointments

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Mr Carter selects new chief

of Fed From David Cross Washington, Dec 28

President Carter has chosen Mr G. W. Miller, president of Textron, to replace Dr Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve System.

Dr Burns, aged 73, has been chairman since 1970 and an economics adviser for every President since Mr Eisenhower. But he has come under increasing fire from liberal Demo-crats, led by Senator William Proxmire, of Wisconsin. They contended that the policies he practised drove interest rates up—abetting both inflation and

Dr Buros, while being replaced as chairman, will remain on the board if he chooses to until 1984. His term as chairman runs out on January 31. He recently indicated he would remain a member of the board, even if replaced as chairman. Mr Miller has been a director f the Federal Reserve Bank

in Boston for six years.

At the age of 52, he will head the seven-member panel. head the seven-member panel, which has the power to counter the economic policies of both the White House and

Dr Burns has been at odds with some of President Carter's policies, particularly in the area of tight money. However, he has been a favourite of the business community and strongly indicated that he would like to remain at the helm of the Federal Reserve. The President has been looking for a replacement able to ing for a replacement able to satisfy the business community, which has been less than
enthusiastic with his Administration's policies thus far.
Mr Miller, a native of
Sapulpa, Oklahoma, has served
as chairman of the Conference

Board, an influential business group with headquarters in New York. A lawyer, he joined Textron, a conglomerate, in 1956 as vice-president

American trade gap narrows

By Caroline Atkinson America's trade gap narrowed last month to \$2,080m from \$3,100m in October. The markets were relieved, as the kets were relieved, as November deficit was am than had been expected.

However, Ms Courtenay
Slater, the chief economist at
the United States Commerce
Department, said that the im-

Department, said that the im-provenient was not a sign of any basic change in trade patterns. The dock strike on the east coast of America had distorted recent trade figures.
The latest official forecast is of a trade deficit for the year of \$27,000m. In the first 11 months of 1977 the deficit totalled \$24,480m. It is thought

credibility threatening more than one bank. In the banking system, a complete picture is not yet available of the difficulties that the dock strike cut exports rather more than imports. avanage of the conficulties facing Italcasse, the central institute of savings banks. Some of the main banks in the mezogiorno, such as Banco di Napoli, The dollar had been ex-tremely weak yesterday morn-ing as a result of market fears over the size of the deficit.
After the figures were announ-Banco di Sicilia and Banco di ced, the currency picked up America's big trade gap this year has been the chief cause of the dollar's weakness in the

Sardegna, have an urgent recapitalization problem.

According to 24 Ore, the economic dealy, the cabinet will tomorrow approve an immediate infusion of 250,000m lire (£152m), for these three southern banks, which needed to inexchange markets, and there is no sign of an early imcorporate these sums into their end-of-year accounts. The main beneficiary, it added, would be Banco di Napoli, which found itself in difficult straits. Business Diary, page 15 **Emphasis** on strong dollar Washington, Dec 28

Microelectronics may gain £50m support

measured by the scale of American intervention in the By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent It was confirmed yesterday by the Department of Industry that a plan to provide develop-ment support for the micro-electronics industry is being discussed with manufacturers and users

> The intention is that the Government and the industry should share the cost of the programme, which might total about £50m. The companies in-volved include Ferranti, GEC, and Plessey.

Previous governmental attempts to rationalize or to co-ordinate the microelectronics activities of these companies have not succeeded. Now the importance of large-scale inte-gration (LSI) and very large scale integration (VLSI) in microcircums is such that the world's leading semiconductor companies—mainly American and Japanese can exert a dominant effect on the products of electronic equipment com-

These circuits can contain the equivalent of tens of thousands of transistors, and are at the heart of many of the latest computers. communications, business and industrial equipment and many kinds of new electronic products. Barly this year the Govern-

ment announced a £20m scheme to support the electronic components industry over a wide range of products, including microelectronics. The proposed foon scheme will be in addition.

The scheme was devised by the Department of Industry.

Brussels may vet BSC financing

EEC has right to investigate capital restructure of state steel

Reconstruction of the finances of the British Steel Corporation, which could form part of the measures to stem the corporation's huge losses may be investigated by the European Commission.

The corporation, which lost 5201m in the first half of the current financial year is expected to record a loss of at least £500m for the full year. Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is expected to announce measures for dealing with the crisis, which have been agreed between the BSC and

of next month.

Under the terms of the Treaty of Accession, signed when Britain joined the Community five years ago, there is a provi-sion for detailed investigation to be carried out into the financing of the state steel

industry.

Article 134 of the treaty states: "During the five years following accession the Commission will examine with the governments concerned whether existing measures arising from provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in force in the new member states, which had they been introduced after accession would have fallen within the

lend Italy

The Italian government would neither confirm nor deny today that a group of American banks stands ready to grant Italy a \$500m loan as a result

of contacts initiated after a

weekend visit to North America

last November by Signor Gectano Stammati, the Treasury Minister. The Corriere della Sera, the Milan newspaper, carried on its front page a report that the loan, to be used for canimal insectment property.

for capital investment purposes, would be made available by a consortium of five banks headed by Chemical Bank of

Signor Stammati sidestepped the issue in an interview with

the Italian radio. He merely said he had found a much im-proved attitude towards Italy in anternational banking circles in

constant effort was needed if this new-found confidence was not to be dispersed.

The danger of this in the view of numerous commentators

view or numerous commentators is 'palpable when seen against the background of the preoccupying level of company indebtedness, the disastrous outlook for a number of wellknown companies, and a loss of credibility threatening more

\$500m²

Prom John Earle Rome, Dec 28

New York

1978 will be for the British Steel Corporation a year for survival. Our customers will be tempted to go elsewhere for cheaper, better, more reliable steel. We have to con-vince them that we can improve our performance to meet their needs. If we fail to do that we are in real danger, 9 all of us. No job would be safe.

Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of the BSC, in an end-of-year message in the corpora-tion's newspaper Steel News.

scope of article 67 of the ECSC Treaty, could by comparison with the measures in force in the original member states, give rise to serious distortions in conditions of competition in the coal and steel industries whether within the Common Market or in export markets."
So far there has been no investigation, but a financial reconstruction could set off such an inquiry. The issue has been raised by the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries, which spent 18 months investigating the affairs of the BSC. Their report is to be

published early next year.

In the penultimate session of the committee, Mr Joel Barnett, EEC officials may consider that be subject to a levy, details Chief Secretary of the Treathe corporation's public divi-which are being worked out.

By Our Industrial Correspondent

British Shipbuilders

submit a review of its activities

to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, this week. This review will form the basis of

the organization's operations over the next 18 months. The final report was approved by the board of the

approved by the board of the state corporation last week, and has to be submitted before the end of this year to comply with the legislation which established the shipbuilding organization.

British Shipbuilders, which was vested on July I is required to pay attention to management organization, indus-

management organization, indus-

trial democracy, decentraliza-tion, sales, pricing and produc-

will attempt to analyse the United Kingdom industry's

The review, it is understood,

tion policies.

sury, was asked what progress had been made in meeting the requirements of article 134. Mr Barnett noted simply that the United Kingdom Government was in discussion with the Commission on a number of issues. The Department of Industry, sporeing department for the sponsoring department for the BSC, said during the weekend: "Under the terms of the Treaty of Accession it is for the Commission to approach the British Government and no approach has been made so far. It is for the Commission to take the ini-

Apart from the possibility of an investigation as a result of a reconstruction of BSC's finances

several lean years because of overcapacity and slack demand. It will also emphasize the

importance which the state organization attaches to the establishment of a comprehen-

sive European maritime policy.

The report does not attempt to spell out the cuts, which are seen as inevitable because of

overcapacity, but it will note

reached on a redundancy scheme for the industry—

similar to that applied by the

British Steel Corporation. The Government is expected to

announce the scale of payments

placed on the importance of an effective marketing strategy and the competitive edge which

United Kingdom yards have developed in the construction

Considerable emphasis

agreement has been

go to Mr Varley this week

position in the context of of more sophisticated vessels

direct subsidy which conflicts with the terms of the ECSC Treaty. At the end of its last financial year the BSC's capital amounted to £1,379.5m. Output falls: Crude steel production in the 29 member coun-

tries of the International Iron and Steel Institute fell 3.9 cent in November to 35,381,000 tonnes from 36,817,000 tonnes in October. Production last Nov-ember was 36,800,000 tonnes, the Institute reported. In the first 11 months of 1977

total crude steel output was 3 per cent down at 399,400,000 tonnes. This was mainly the result of lower production both in the EEC and the United States—by 6 per cent and 3.6 per cent respectively. Import changes: All existing licences for the import of iron and steel products will be revoked from Saturday. Importers will be required to apply for the steel products will be required to apply for the steel products will be required to apply for the steel products will be required to apply for the steel products with the steel products will be required to apply for the steel products with the steel products will be resulted as the steel products will be re-

for new licences giving more de-

tailed information on prices.

This is in accordance with an agreement reached by the EEC Council of Ministers earlier this month to impose a new system of minimum steel import prices. Products com-ing in below those prices will

building competitors.

Marketing efforts by the state corporation have this year secured about £480m worth of

business, aided by the £65m intervention fund which is de-signed to narrow the price gap

between British yard prices and those of foreign competitors

Ministers are now involved in

discussions on a renewal of the fund in the year which begins in March. A fund of some £70m

is seen as being necessary, although it is recognized that there could be difficulties with the EEC Commission.

The review will also deal with the corporation's plans for streamlining the management

of the industry.

through direct subsidies.
British Shipbuilders

personal contact between underwriters who go to Cardiff and the company executives, insurthe company executives, insur-ance brokers and others in the City who would normally be involved in arranging for the various forms of export cover. "It is important in our view that this sort of business should continue to be carried; through on a face-to-face basis", a chamber snokesman said British Shipbuilders' review will

a chamber spokesman said yesterday. "Although some senior underwriters will apparently be left in London that may not cope with the situation and delays could build world shipbuilding, which faces and the further spur provided by favourable fluctuations in currency exchange rates of Britain's major European ship-

Under the ECGD plan some 850 staff would be expected to move to Cardiff between 1979 and 1981 as part of the reloca-tion of the comprehensive guarantee division. This would include the majority of the include the majority of the underwriting staff. Other divisions are also to be relocated.

A strong protest against the proposed switch is expected to be the first job tackled by an export finance panel, just set up by the chamber.

The panel, whose chairman is Mr Jim Rooke, former chief executive of the British Overseas. Trade Board and now a director of Fodens, has been set up to give industry a more effective voice in discussions on financing trade.

Mr Rooke's panel is expected to be joined in the protest by other trade associations.

Taylor Woodrow's Crawley scheme would be bigger than Brent Cross

Battle opens for vast new shopping complex

Taylor Woodrow has been asked to provide further details of a controversial scheme to create near Crawley, Sussax, what would be one of the largest regional shopping centres in Europe. The pro-posed complex is larger than that at Brent Cross in north London.

First details of the scheme have provoked concern among local authorities and opposition from traders over much of the home councies. Last month the company, part

of the construction and civil engineering group, submitted an application for outline planning permission for the centre on land at Pease Pottage. Once a staging post on the London to Brighton road, this hamlet now occupies a strategic posi-tion at one end of the M23 motorway.

The application relates to a

106.8 acre site and is for a gross floor area of 1,184,000 sq ft. This includes about 850,000 sq ft for comparison shopping (such goods as quality clothing,

footwear, fabrics, jewelry, furniture) and 85,000 sq fr for convenience shopping (such as food, newspapers, tobacco and durables for which there is a wide sale). There would be parking space for 6,000 vehicles. The scheme, which Taylor Woodrow says would serve a catchment area within 35 minutes travel, is considered of such a size as to have impor-tont consequences for services, like roads and housing, and, most important, existing shops. The authorities are asking for estimates of the centre's turnover, and an indication of the number of jobs likely to be provided.

Several local authorities-in Surrey as well as Sussex-conthemselves to be d by the proposals. efected Meanwhile, representatives from tunse most affected, West Sus-sex, Mid Sussex, Crawley and Horsham, have formed a working party which is expected to meet Taylor Woodrow officials to discuss the application early

The Department of the Environment has so far declined to become directly involved in consideration of the application. As required for shopping developments outside existing city, town or district centres, involving gross floor space of 100,000 square feet or more, the Taylor Woodrow application was referred to Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Environment, who decided against calling it in for consideration. However, the department has

indicated that it would wish to reconsider its decision should the local authority conclude that it wishes to give outline rermission. Should permission be refused. Taylor Woodrow could consider an appeal to the Secretary of State. Recent DoE guidelines note

that, because estimates sugges-ted that by 1985 one family in three would be without a car, it was preferable for large new stores to be located where they can serve not only those who travel by car but also customers

ted that new stores could be best accommodated within existing urban areas.

Traders are concerned that such a centre would syphon business from existing shopping centres. Mr James Patmore, secretary of Brighton and Hove Chamber of Commerce and Trade, said that the potential loss of tradie "over a very wide area" was enormous. It had already been calculated on the basis of information already available that Brighton would lose about £16m of business a

Mr Patmore explained that he had been acting as a "sound-ing board" for opposition from other Chambers of Commerce. "Already I have been in touch with about 30 which have indicated their opposition in prin-ciple to the scheme." These included organizations represeming Craveley, Horsham, East Grinstead, Bexhill, Croydon and Guildford.

John Huxley

Six-month reprieve for Hull municipal phone service The Post Office proposes to

renew for six months the licence under which Hull Corporation operates the only municipal telephone service in Britain, Lut final agreement on the long-term future of the ser-vice has not yet been reached with the Department of Indus-Any iong-term renewal is subject to the consent of Mr

Varley, Secretary of State for Variey, Secretary of State for Industry.

Last October the Post Office Engineering Union said most unions within the Post Office "are agreed the network should be incorporated within the Post Office system".

US oil groups face overcharging action

In Washington, US Department of Energy sources said the agency will claim during the next few weeks that a number of hig oil companies overcharged their customers. The agency yesterday claimed that Exxon Corporation overcharged buyers of crude oil from two fields in Alabama and Florida by \$70.8m (£37m) between March 1, 1974, and Dec-ember 31, 1976. This is the first action taken since the Government announced planned a major audit of oil company activities.

Mowlem in £7m deal A £7.1m contract for a con-struction wherf in Abu Dhabi has been awarded to Al Que-

In brief

beisi-Mowlem, a joint company formed a year ago by the London-based group and its local partner to handle building and civil engineering work in the emirate. About 200 men will be employed on the work which is for the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company.

Aid for £13m orders

British industry benefited by orders after grants and loans to developing countries made by the Ministry of Overseas Development under the aid programme and administered

by the Crown Agents. Among the largest contracts accepted for financing was one worth £1.9m from Vauxhall Motors to supply Bedford chassis to Bangladesh and one £69,000 from British Leyland International to supply

N Sea move by Agip. Agip of the state-owned ENI group has, for the first time, become an operator in the North Sea with the award of an exploration permit for block 33/6 in the Norwegian sector. Agip has 30 per cent in the consortium, in which the other parties, are permits and permits and permits are permits. other partners are Deminex (20 per cent), of West Ger-

many, and Statoil, the Norwe-

gian state company.

Land Rovers for Afghanistan

THE SCOTTISH AND MERCANTILE INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Highlights from the Chairman's Statement on the accounts to 31st March, 1977 Mr. R. D. Poore

- ► Investment income up from £423,634
- to £444,154. Group consolidated profit attributable to shareholders up from £242,382 to
- Dividend up from 2.699895p per share to 3.01557p per share, being the maximum amount allowed under present Surplus of market value of quoted
- investment portfolio over book value up from £0.9 million to £2.4 million (£3.9 million at 9th November, 1977).
- ► Hall Russell & Co. Limited, the principal operating subsidiary of the associated company, was taken into public ownership on 1st July, 1977. The precise criteria to be applied in calculating compensation have not yet been disclosed.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available on request from The Registrars, 6 Long Lane, London, EC1A 9DP.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The omens for 1978

better times than they have experienced in the past three years and, given the normal cyclicality of stock markets, might now justifiably question whether equities can go anywhere other than down in 1978. The omens are not particularly auspicious.

First the coming year will almost certainly see a general election. This will be unsettling because the City is by no means agreed that a change of government now is desirable. The issue of pay policy in 1978-79 is going to be a central one for the market. It is evidently going to be even harder to achieve a further year of wage restraint than it has been in 1977, and doubts are widely felt about whether a Conservative Government could obtain the necessary cooperation. In the meantime there is always the question of whether pre-election politics will dictate a give-away budget of unwelcome proportions.

The other worries are of a more widespread economic nature, the basis being that worldwide growth will continue to be sluggish and that even such momentum as there is-chiefly in the United States-willhe petering out as the year progresses. The mood towards greater international protectionism, already tentatively apparent, international could well strengthen at that stage, with profoundly adverse effects upon many of the blue chip multinationals which are so important a factor in the equity market.

This will mean a further year in the wilderness for overseas-oriented stocks which will, in any case, suffer from the strength of the pound—assuming it holds present levels—and inflation which, although falling, will still be higher than that of more of Residual Section 2000, that of many of Britain's leading competi-

For companies operating primarily in Britain the outlook is by no means so disturbing, and corporate profits growth overall should exceed the rate of inflation. Rising real wages will mean increased consumer spending, and retailers who have been running down stocks in the second half of this year will have to begin building them up again. In due course this should feed back to suppliers of capital goods.

But there is almost no chance of this being achieved without an upturn in interest rates, and it is here that the chief worries for equities resides. In the short-term, interest rates could still come down. The money supply is more tightly under control than seemed likely two months ago, the nound continues strong, there is greater cotimism about wages and there is a real chance that Minimum Lending Rate could fall by a notch early in the New Year. Longer rates could fall much more, and a good rally for gilts should mean a strong. early showing for equities, especially since institutions have recently been building up their year-end liquidity and may therefore be in more of a spending mood.

Whether or not there is a rally of sufficient proportions to penetrate the 549 high on the FT Index, however, it seems certain that at some point in 1978 the build of economic momentum will edge rates higher, and as gilts run out of steam equities seem likely to follow suit. During the autumn we recommended some lightening of equity portfolios, and any run-up in the equity market in the coming weeks should therefore be taken as an opportunity to reduce holdings further.

Markets in 1977

Gilts lead the way

If the equity market is a barometer of expectations about the performance of the economy at large a year or eighteen months ahead, then 1977 must surely go down as the year when financial markets generally over reached themselves. For despite the fact that the economy has shown a considerable turnround from the cespondency that prevailed a year ago in the wake of the International Monetary Fund visit, there has been little or no evidence of any real breakthrough on the problems of productivity, low capital investment and so on that have beset the United Kingdom since the war even with North Sea oil revenues starting to come through to vincicate the show of strength in the equity market.

What has been most striking is the way equities have paid even closer attention than

Investors could hardly have wished for usual to the factors that have obsessed the gilt market in the past year—sterling, the money supply, the balance of payments—rather than dwelling on the more familiar indicators of the health of the corporate sector. Such issues as industrial production, wage settlements and the like have tended only to loom large, for instance during the autumn, when the outlook for interest rates was seen to be increasingly cloudy and gilts, too, were going significantly weaker. But while the key to the marker's recent downswing from a September high of 549.2 to a November low of 457 lay in growing worries about interest rates, equities have been seriously unsertled by the deteriorating

trend in corporate profitability. Meanwhile, the extraordinary showing of the gilt market—up by almost 30 per cent during the year with individual stocks rising by as much as a half—is almost entirely due to the light that has begun to shine at the end of the economic tunnel, and in particular the growing conviction during the year that the Government would not, allow anything to upset its monetary targets. As it is, the government has had to keep gilt sales moving briskly ahead to avoid losing control of the exchange rate by keeping an unprecedently steep yield curve for most of the year.

Sector performance

Emphasis shifts

to the UK

For maximum benefit from 1977's 36 per cent rise in the PT Index the year's most perceptive investor would have been at his most active around May or June. That would have been the point at which he would have spotted the tide turning away from the exporting manufacturers to the United Kingdom-orientated companies with the emphasis

on retailing.

The switch in sentiment has been so pro nounced that, as our table shows, the year has ended with no less than seven out of the top ten equity sectors having home con-

sumer spending links.

The market has thus reached the third stage of a cycle that began in 1976 when pessimism about the domestic economy led to sectors with large overseas assets and earnings being favoured. The fall in the

SECTORS					
Best performers change	. %	Worst performer	S		
Shipbuilding	+175	Wires and ropes	+0.4		
	+162	Mines .	+3		
Mail order	+124	Tobacco	+11		
	+118	Chemicals	+12		
	+106	Oils	+13		
Radio and TV rent	al				
	+105	Floor coverings Engineering holding	+15		
Furnishing stores	+100	Cos ·	+19		
Domestic appliance	es .				
	+99	Shipping .	+19		
Motor distributors	+97	Quarry products	+19		
Footwear	+96	Special steels	$+28^{\circ}$		
Source : Data STR			٠.		

pound began the second stage with a switch to exporters and the subsequent strength of sterling has heralded the third stage with its United Kingdom emphasis.

This tendency has been reinforced by

mass of inter-related factors : the firm belief in a 1978 consumer boom fuelled by higher disposable incomes; the relative strength of the United Kingdom against the background of a slack world economy; the promise of a North Sea oil-assisted balance of payments surplus; and the precipitous fall in interest

This last element has lately fed through into the property sector, though, as with-the takeover inspired strength of investment trusts, the run has come too late to push them into the top ten.

The investment message from all this is by no means simple, though it seems fair to argue from the overwhelming prevalence of consumer-related sectors at the top that the swing may have gone its full course.

At the other end of the scale there seem to be few bright spots in 1978 for those among the worst performing sectors which have particular dependence on the level of world trade. More promising, however, is the outlook for some financial companies, notably banks, which until recently have been among the worst performers but are now picking up on hopes of higher interest

Economic notebook

It doesn't necessarily follow ...

can make in economic policy is that he will "balance the budget". President Carter, whose first 11 months in the White House have been an interesting mixture of caution and commitment to growth, says that he will achieve this

terget by 1981. Few other governments would set themselves such a task at present. The past few years have seen a remarkedble transformation of public sector finance, which most of us still find difficult to fit into our frame of thinking.

The size of government deficits has grown enormously. both in absolute terms and as a proportion of gross national product. Yet at the same time traditional economists of what might be called the Keynesian

or neo-Keynesian school seem to be advocating even larger deficits to stimulate demand.

The question which can reasonably be asked by anyone who is worried about the extent to which an increase in money supply fuels inflationary expectations is whether such an increase in while sector deficit crease in public sector deficit can be supported without money supply getting out of

This is not a specifically British problem, though our intense parochialism tends to make us look on it as such. In fact, there have been sharp increases in the size of the public sector deficit in all major western countries size the western countries since the recession became severe.

cession became severe.

In none of these countries is the link between increases in the public sector deficit and uncontrolled growth of the money supply even remotely established.

Worries about the size of the public sector deficit really boil down to one of two problems. Either the increase in public borrowing will "crowd out" borrowing will "crowd out" borrowing by the private sector, thus making it difficult or impossible for companies to borrow in the financial markets and leading to a reduction in private sector activity; or there will be no crowding out in the short term because governments short term because governments will simply print money to cover their deficits, thus lead-

cover their deficits, thus leading to inflation.

A recent study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development* ought to be required reading for anyone wanting to debate these issues. It shows in aggregate terms what anecdoral evidence in recent years has made note. terms what anecdotal evidence in recent years has made very plain in the United Kingdom; that what has been lacking in financial markets is not the potential supply of funds for companies, but the demand. It is this that explains the

fact that in most countries a sharp increase in the propor-tion of credit market funds raised outside the financial either very low or negative at that time in most countries.

Exceptions

There were exceptions, of course, such as the financial crisis of 1976 in the United Kingdom, when minimum lending rate had to be raised to 15 per cent. The striking thing about this experience in recovery spect is how hard it is to ex-plain in terms of underlying

forces.

During the late summer of 1976 and the early autumn the private sector of the economy was slowing down and the actual level of public borrowing was turning out to be much lower than any previously-published forecast. The fact that inaccurate assessments prepared within the Treasury and outside it caused fears that money supply would get out of control is more a comment on the maris more a comment on the mar-kets than on the real impact of government actions. Econo It suggests that what matters 1977.

Perhaps the most attractive is not the real level of govern-promise which any politician ment borrowing but what ment borrowing but what people think the level of government borrowing will be. This is not to say that "crowding out" cannot occur,

because clearly it can—in cir-cumstances where both the government is trying to run a large deficit and the corporate sector is trying to borrow large sums for its investment programmes. Such a pattern of events has not happened in the past few years, however, and it looks a fairly remote possibility in the

years to come.

One reason for this is that the circumstances which pro-duce deficits for the government will automatically tend to reduce investment by com-panies. The public sector deficits of recent years are in part the product of automatic changes caused by recession, such as the fall in tax revenue and the increased outlays on payments such as unemploy-ment benefits; and in part the deliberate introduction of pro-

the level of activity. . If these elements were re-moved, the "high employment" tries would be shown to be in surplus. So if investment rose and companies had to raise more funds there would be an automatic tendency for the public sector borrowing need to shrink, thus removing the ten-

dency to crowd out. That, however, is an argument about equilibrium in the long run and, however convenient such arguments are as a way of avoiding difficult questions about what is happen-ing now, it is not enough to answer all legitimate doubts.

Doubts

These are that the low and fairly stable pattern of interest rates may have been bought at the price of expanding the money supply to accommodate the public sector deficits. Whether this expansion took the form of domestic credit creation or of inflows of money from abroad into the domestic monetary system would not mat-ter to this argument: the important question is whether it has occurred in recent years and whether it is likely to occur in the near future.

On this question, too, the evidence gives little cause for some of the more extreme concern which has been voiced. If very narrowly defined money, such as reserve money, is the worry, then the figures show that central banks have not in fact been assuming much of the burden of government debt Public sector deficits reached

their highest level in 1975 and have been falling since, first under the influence of recovery and then under the impact of a tightening of government poli-

to a large extent in those years on central bank funds to fin-ance their government deficits and even these figures are disand even these figures are distorted by technical factors. The overwhelming majority of funds came either from commercial banks or the non-bank sector.

This, of course, affects the broad money supply. Yet even this measure grew more slowly in 1975, the year of the highest public sector deficits, than it did in 1972 when the deficits were far smaller.

were far smaller.

No one should think because of this that a government can finance any deficit, however large, without facing any problems at all on the money supply or interest rate front; but it does show that the link between government deficits and uncon-

trolled money explosion is not as straightforward as some people would have us think. David Blake * Public sector indebtedness and government financing: OECD Economic Outlook, December

Industry still waits for the EEC benefits

On new year's eve the transitional period of Britain's significantly."
In July tariffs on virtually all products ceased to exist for trade between the new member states (Britain, Denmark, and Ireland) and the tariffs with European Free ariginal partners the period of Trade Association (Efta) original partners the period of transition for custom duty purposes will be over for all goods from January I. Products originating in one country, or goods from third countries placed in free circulation in one member state, will now be free to move throughout the Community with out incurring any further customs charges.
At the same time Britain

surrenders to Brussels powers to act against dumping of Industrial goods. The right to take certain forms of emer-gency economic action without consultation disappears, too. There are other provisions con-cerning the common agricultural policy which are also covered by the complex stages of accession.

For British industry and

For British industry and services membership has been an overwhelming experience during the years of transition. Corporate lawyers and managers of all kinds have been plunged into examination of directives of every shape and description. There is one overriding impression forms into the Comimpression. Entry into the Community has not galvanized our industry as many enthusiasts, including this author, had hoped. Years of recession have not provided the right environment for expansion within an explanated market place.

enlarged market place.
Divergences between the economies of member states have been e-acceptated by the

this year the trade deficit, at £876m on a seasonally adjusted basis, was at the lowest level since the second half of 1973. from Britain to the Community, while a little under 87 per cent of imports, was the highest since the second half of 1971.

The Confederation of British Industry which was seed had Industry, which pressed hard for British entry, comments: "Our trade balance suffered from the effects of the fall in

tariffs with European Free Trade Association (Effa)

countries were ended.

Maurice Corina examines the impact

economies of member states have been encerbated by the crisis rooted in the unfortunate rise in oil prices which coincided with enlargement of the Community.

Gaps in performance between various states are evident in rates of inflation which over the period 1974-77 have ranged from 25 per cent to over 100 per cent, and growth from less than 1 per cent to more than 10 per cent.

Unemployment has mounted steadily to around six million. If there was one major single advantage held out to industry as flowing from Community membership, it was in the matter of expanding trade. The facts are salutary. Analysis of our balance of trade with the Community shows a substantial deficit, even if the decline in Britain's share of European Community imports between 1963 and 1972 appears to have been partly arrested.

However, in the first half of this year the trade deficit at However, in the first half of

sector was accommodated in tightening of government poli-lar increase in the level of interest rates. Indeed, interest rates remained in real terms to a large une impact of a without at tightening of government poli-cies. Some tightening of government poli-cies. Some tightening of government poli-cies. Some tightening of government poli-tics. Some tightening of government poli-cies. Some tightening of government poli-tics. Some tightening of government poli-cies. Some tightening of government poli-tics. Some tightening of government poli-cies. Some tightening of government poli-tics. Some tightening of the five countries of the fall in sterling on the cost of imports from the Community without at tightening of government poli-tics. Some tightening of the fall in the community without at tightening of government poli-tics. Some tightening of government poli-tightening of government poli-tics. Some tightening of government politics. Some tightening of government politics. Some tightening of government politics. Some tightening tightening tightening ti

As the transitional period of Eritain's membership of the European Community comes to an end

on trade and industry and Hugh Clayton (below) considers the effect on agriculture Other aspects will be considered tomorrow

Thus the Community has be-come the largest free trace area in the world, with links outside through bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade deals. The competition in a free market place is formidable. A flood of continental cars into

Britain is but one example of a failure to counter with a cor-responding expansion of sales of United Kingdom made vehicles even though below the surface British component sup-pliers are making real gains in the motor industry.

Part of the difficulty may be that we were kept out of

the Community for many years as a deliberate act of policy, and it is therefore not surprising that we should have started at a disadvantage", argues Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, who believes that in trade policy terms membership has been of great advantage. Quite what success there has

been in trade policy is diffi-cult for observers to discern. In the textile and steel industries coordinated talks and studies have dragged on and on though the recent decisions in Brussels on the Multi-Fibre Agreement and on a minimum price for steel imports perhaps demonstrate the benefits of Community-wide consultations. As far as investment is con-cerned, there has been no dynamic surge in British devel-

opment in Community markets:

rolling companies which any-way were developing a strong European presence. If any-thing, the Community has been producing investments in

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Not all is gloomy. Britain has gained from the regional development fund and the European Investment bank, the latter now about to add to its support for public sector developments by backing private enterprise in-restment schemes under a largely British initiative.

Britain's share of the development fund indicates a net gain, after the double bookkeeping of paying in and taking out. Europe has locked benevolently on our state aids for sectoral modernization under the industrial stratesy, and even, if hor-rified, allowed the Polish ship-building deal,

Other gains are the active involvement of once sceptical trade unions in the framing of employment and social policy. Recognition of the problems of youth unemployment and a bat-tery of support schemes for alleriating unemployment have resulted.

What is clear is that the final what is clear is that the linal year of transition has been a disappointing one. The gross domestic product in the Community will probably have risen, only 2! per cent in real terms, easing 4.7 per cent in 1976. Fighting inflation and dealing with external navwents probwith external payments prob-lens have been a necessary preoccupation of each partner. Next year, something like a 4 to 4! per cent prowth in real gress domestic product will be needed by the Community to ease unemployment. It requires the partners to "hang to-gether", believing that the mutually agreed economic policies will help each other along until there is a resurgence in world demand.

gence in world demand.

The ability to have contriber is about to be tested in terms of industrial policy. The hard line of the steel crisis is as a second tested in a test of Europe's ability to act decisively as any other single problem. Harmonization of tavation, free competition regulations, guidelines on employment policy, and all the rest, from promoting common technology to eliminating obstacles nology to eliminating obstacles to investment, yield piles of documentation in which can be found examples of progress or stagnant regotiation.

Transition may be over, but Britain has ver to seize the ad-vantages which were promised. With North Sea resources now available, the next five years should see a strong and more confident. United Kingdom industry able to afford the structural changes so frequently pressed upon it from Brussels and elsewhere.

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Farm policy: clearing a way through the undergrowth vegetables will end on new year's day, but the change will make little difference to prices.

"the Common Market shall ex-tend to agriculture and trade in agricultural products". The three countries that joined the EEC in 1973 were given five years to march their farm price structures and the national bodies that administered them to the demands of the treaty and to the common agricultural policy.

The policy does not yet apply

to all produce, though. It applies to spine foods in limited applies to spine roots in finites ways in some parts of the Community and the harmonization of food law that accompanies its development has been interrupted by a patchwork of national concessions and special defere defleys.
As a result the effects of

As a result the effects of transition, which are themselves the result of a deviation from the letter of the policy, are hard to separate from everything else. If the policy was a seamless garment of the type required by the treaty, transition would be visible as an orderly transport from orderly progression from national idiosyncracies to EEC uniformity.

Inflation in the mid-1970s and the strains imposed on agriculture by the lack of a Community money policy put paid to that.

Confusion

transition itself has been stag-gered and modified. For example, British prices of sugar beet have long been advanced to full EEC levels, while cheese still has to travel to the end of the transitional road. The monetary aspect of the

on British food is predictably the centre of the deepest con-fusion of all. Transition is supposed to have been an orderly advance from 1973 to 1978 towards full EEC prices. Part of the rises that will be felt next year on some foods will be directly antibutable to

receive in January after the last transitional step will be full EEC prices. On the contrary, ha will say, thanks to the manipula-tion of the "green pound" by the British Government his able to expand the sections. on substitution and product prices are more remote from full EEC levels than those of any other member state. Transition will not abolish the green pound nor the

amounts" which do a similar job, but only as far as trade has been distorted by the existence of lower prices in Britain during transition.

Understanding of the impact of transition has always been clouded in Britain by the simultaneous presence of these two mechanisms which kept farm prices down in this country. It has been especially galling for farmers since it has led to a subconscious assump-tion, which has spread as far as the House of Commons, that the agonies which British agriculture has endured from the green pound will somehow cease at the end of 1977.

The responsibility of the nation at the end of transition does not go beyond the alignment of its prices and pricing institutions with the free intracommunity trade demands of the common agricultural policy. There have been several changes in Britain, such as metrication, during the five years since accession that look as if they are connected with the recurrements of transition. but are not.

The foods which are affected by the final transitional step on new year's eve are beet, butter, milk, cheese, cereals and some trust and vegetables. The effect on beef will be diluted, since Britain is the only EEC country to use premium payments to farmers to sidestep the Community's system of intervention prices and storage. The aim of that is to keep the British share of the beef "mountain" as

of the beet mountain as small as possible.

Transition has operated as a series of upward steps in the support prices of particular foods. Since in Britain the EEC system is used only as a subsidiary support for beef, the effect of transition on beef here is reduced accordingly. The European Commission puts it at a rise of 4 per cent in inter-vention prices, equivalent to an extra 2p a pound in shops where few cuts of beef now cost less than 75p a pound and nost cost much more.

Butter and cheese are due to rise, but the effect on them will be complicated by the

sitional step on cereals-based products is likely to be small since market prices are mainly above support prices.

The effect on fruit and

The impact of the last tional step on potatoes will be much more complicated, since growers in this country are protected by the Potato Marketing Board which influences the area grown and administers the defi-ciency payment scheme. Those controls, which are meant to stabilize supplies, are supported by rigid government curbs on imports of maincrop potatoes.

imports of maincrop potatoes. Although the common agricultural policy has not yet been extended to cover the pricing and marketing of potatoes, the Community will not tolerate national measures that prejudice free trade in farm produce. Farmers have known since Britain joined the EEC that the potato marketing scheme would have to change. Farmers' unions, the Potato Marketing Board and the Seed Marketing Board and the Seed Potato Marketing Board for Northern Ireland have proposed a new system in which guaranteed prices fixed by ministers are replaced by contracts between growers, and the Potato Marketing Board.

complex, wide ranging and politically sensitive. It also is the most momentous of all for farmers. Milk in Britain is distributed by five marketing boards which buy from all farmers at a price fixed by
ministers. That price fixing will
not be allowed after transition.
Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,

said early this month: "There are quite a lot of farmers who do not understand that the guarantee arrangements end on December 31. I must make it clear that with the ending of the guarantee arrangements ministers will no longer be fixing the precise level of producer returns. "What producers get will depend on what prices the

boards actually manage to obtain from the liquid and manufacturing mak markets." The preservation of marketing boards has been the most hotly debated issue arising from the end of transition which has been debated by farmers this year. The most passionate advocates of British member-ship of the EEC have been equally passionate in opposing abolition of the milk marketing. scheme and the boards.

Brussels, having arknowledged the value of the boards,

has found a way to preserve their most important functions while keeping faith with the Treaty of Rome.

Business Diary: Mole wrench • I'm Gaetano, fly me

If you are looking for some-thing unusual in the new year sales the Department of the Environment may have the very

Despite rumblings In favour of reviving the Channel Tunnel scheme, it is increasing its efforts to sell the 500-ton boring machine bought specially for it —one careful owner (the Department of Transport); virtually unused (a short period of jesting after the tunnel pro-ject was officially abandoned almost three years ago); may be riewed (still underground be-neath the White Cliffs of Dover); cost £500,000 (offers considered).
The machine—known in the

industry as a mole-has been on offer for several months, a department spokesman said yesterday. A few inquiries from construction companies came to nothing. Now advertisements are being placed in the trade press. The spokesman admitted that

the mole ad been acquired pecifically for the Channel Tunnel job and could have limited application elsewhere. Make a great conversation riece, though, wouldn't it?

🖪 Gaetano Stammati, the Italian treasury minister, had to "get a lorn to get a loan". This is the basis of a story going the rounds in Rome after reports of a weekend visit he paid to the United States from November 12 to 14 over a \$500m credit by a group of American banks headed by Chemical Bank

of New York. The Italian government, as is often its practice, decided in the middle of the night that Stammati should go and he had to leave at about six in the morning. But he met a little problem in buying his ticket, for, the story goes, the airline demanded cash.

emanded cash.

The treasury itself was, of course, shut at that hour of the morning and there were no departmental officials at hand. Eventually, a member of the minister's staff hir on the idea of waking up his mother, who kept a fair amount of cash at home and she advanced the necessary one million lire (about £550).

Unfortunately, the wheels of bureaucracy grind more slowly than those of motherhood and the poor lady is apparently still waiting for her money back. The treasury does not deny the story, but it declines to provide more details about what an official said was, after all, just a family matter.

The spending power of the executive secretary is revealed in the findings of a survey of business travel habits published in the current edition of the magazine International

said that it was their secretaries, compared with 18 per cent who used a travel agency and 16 per cent the company travel office. But by far the biggest proportion—47 per cent—make the choice themselves. The magazine then went on to ask with which airline the

executives preferred to fly around Europe. Lufthausa came out top with 27 per cent, Swissair next with 23 per cent and KLM third with 16 per cent. Our own British Airways rated came well down the list—in fourth, with 15 per cent. whichever country the questions Patriotism does not count were posed.



National Westminster Bank will ("Slim" to his friends) is stepping down as regional director be 735 pounds short from the for the City, as is Henry Excell end of this week. Not, I hasten (left), a general manager in the rapidly expanding international

to add, because of any mishap, but because of the retirement division of three top executives.

Alex Dibbs (centre in our Management.

Asked who actually specifies with the bank's expansion in the airline on which they fly, the 1970s after the tripartite 20 per cent of the respondents merger in 1968, is moving away

from the hurly-burly of the chief executive's job to become non-executive deputy chair-man. David Leison (right) very high as a reason for choosing an airline. Convenience of

All three comfortably top 13 stone on the scales although, like the NatWest annual accounts, they are a little sky of disclosing individual contributions to the total.

Jeff Benson, Dibbs's succes. "2 Br sor, is also large enough to price. make himself unpopular in a These were the reasons for choosing an acrline, What makes the customers go elsewhere? Delays and waiting around flight schedules was given as the main reason, followed by easily came first among the businessman's hates, with bagprevious experience of in-flight service with a particular carrier. gage handling second and checkproblems third.
Once airborne, the biggest The fact that it was the national airline of the country

grouse is over seating, followed by complaints about cabin staff

Few governments can justifiably boast that they have had a successful year of economic policy-making, although that is not preventing most from doing just that. The French premier. Raymond Barre, however, had one of the least flattering balance sheers of all. Fifreen months after he launched his Barre plan to stop French inflation he could in-

deed claim that the rate of price increases had declined a trifle—but only because he had cut sales tax. Without that gimmick prices would have risen by 10.6 per cent—more than in the previous year. Business has slowed and un-

employment has risen, none of it much of a result for a professor of economics. Indeed, if Barre's name survives in French history, it is likely to sant: when he pegged the price of the old croissant, bakers simply made a new one called "a Barre" and sold it at the old price.
When he pegged the price of

the pain au chocolat (choco-late-filled bun), the bakers brought it out under the name " a Brazilian ", at the customary When the professor comes to re-edit his widely read textbook of economics, he should at least

We have it on the highest authority that a nickname has at last been found at British Leyland for the new chairman, Michael Edwardes who recently came in from the car battery manufacturer, Chloride Group. It is "Tarchy, the Battery Boy".

diversification.

One result of the dichocation that flowed from the oil crisis and the industrial recession which followed it is that even

impact of the end of transition Nevertheless, no British far-mer will admit that what he will

"monetary compensation amounts" used to iron out the distortions it causes in lutra-Community trade. All that will go will be the much smaller

presence of large stocks accumulated at old prices while butter carries a Community presence of financed subsidy, the size of which is to be renegociated in the spring.
The effect of the final tran-

vegetable products and on milk will not be so simple. Tariffs much smaller on intra-Community trade in compensatory some fruit and some salad.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The cost of consumer protection and prices

From Mr Sidney Weinberg 1,000 paper fasteners at, say, Sir, While many aspects of coursumer protection are admirable, and, as he is entitled to do, very great care must be taken

If a manufacturer can be armed to see that the target of "right first time" is fully understood by all his staff, from designers onwards, and will re-sult in lower unit production costs, that is, by minimizing many costs of so-called quality/ corrective activities—well and

pressurized up to an unecono-mic level of excellence. Sussex, BN3 6QB. If the purchaser of a box of December 21.

to ensure that the end results things for 100 per cent good should not automatically include money, let us pray if will result a price rise, for this may not in replacement and not a frantic need to be inevitable.

If a manufacture and costly upgreding of product in a manufacture of the costly upgreding of product in the costly upgreding of the costly upgredi

and costly upgreding of produc-tion to give a guaranteed 1,000-good fasteners—at £2 per box! The purchaser of an average car would love it to be a Rolls-Royce but would object to legis-lation which forced it to be a Rolls-Royce accompanied by the intritable new price. Con-But if an economic level of hoped that intended legislation, production and quality surveil. Superficially benign, will be lance results in a small proportion of defective work it is often better to publicate and adopt a policy of no-cost-to-the-customer replacement than to be pressurized up to the field to the field.

S. WEINBERG inevitable new price. Con-sumerism has many pitfalls for

Magic wand help for industry

actually to encourage people December 19.

From Mr J. W. Phillips

Sir, Hurrah for the latest taxing them so much and magic wand—increased invest even going so far as to ment in manufacturing industry! To assist in waving it Mr.

To assist in waving it Mr. From Mr J. W. Phillips Mr Whitehall. Always good for divide it up. lots of tricks, even if the Yours faithfully, quality can't be relied on. A couple more supersonic J. W. PHILLIPS, magic carpets will soon put us back ahead of the crafty. Japanese and Germans, Those were rotten tricks of theirs

mills and his TUC friends (The mix of people with the skills Times, December 16) will be happy to divert our pension fund savings for "investment wand fails, maybe there'll be into areas which might otherwise not be pursued". And who can we expect to wave the wand? That splendid magician Mr Whitehall. Always and for divide it up. Ash Hall, Ystradowe

Discrimination aboard

From Ms Felicity Green Sir, Having recently joined the world of international business commuters; I shall from now on be sampling the delights of long-distance air travel and thus hope to fly Concorde whenever and wherever possible. How-ever, speed and convenience apart, I have one serious social complaint to make to British Airways about the conduct and motivation of its departure lounge staff.

Can it be that British Airways is quietly practising sexual segregation? Surely not, Not only is it against the law, it's boring and old-fashioned.

I am led into asking this question by the circumstances of in-flight BA170 from New York on Saturday, December 10. As far as I could judge, there was a full complement of male passengers and two lone ladies. Why was I denied the stimulus of ralking my way across the Arlantic with any across the Ariantic with any member of the opposite sex, many of whom, in this case, I happened to know personally? Was it coincidence or was it a deliberate acr of delicacy and absurdity on the part of the British Airways staff handing out the seat allocation?

I may never know, but I must

I may never know, but I must I may never know, but I must assure British Airways that the exclusive band of females lucky enough to travel Concorde are really not the same species as those who might well deplore the demise of the "ladies only" compartments on British Rail.

I'm not a sex maniar, merely

I'm not a sex maniac, merely an integrated member of the travelling public who wishes to remain so. More so.
FELICITY GREEN, Managing Director, Vidal Sassoon, S6/58 Brook Street,

Assessing global oil resources

Near Cowbridge,

public service and from major oil companies, to discover-whether there existed a convergent view on ultimate global oil resources. These experts were encouraged to be completely frank by the assurance that replies would not be attributed to their source. Professor Odell

was among those who agreed to participate in the inquiry. The results of the poll showed that such a convergence exists when precise definitions are used, namely "ultimate recoverable resources of conventional oil within the limit of a tech-nical production cost gradually increasing to \$20—in 1976 dollars—per barrel in the year 2000. The average figure Therefore, the two categories given by the 29 experts con- of oil (conventional and uncon-

ASSESSING global oil resources

From the Secretary-General of the World Energy Conference
Sir, On my return from abroad, the letters of October 24 under the title of "Assessing future oil resources" from Professor of Corbos 27 from Mr K. R. Williams were brought to my notice.

A hasty reading of these letters might leave the reader with a confused notion of the conclusions of the report presented this September in Istanbul at the World Energy Conference by Mr Pierre Desprairies, chair, and gives his preference for a proposed at the report which was prepared at the report of the lastitute Français and Petrole.

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The world Energy Conference by Mr Pierre Desprairies, chair, and then by comparing and the bottained with the conclusions of the Institut Français on the Petrole.

The report was based on a Delphi-type poll which provided answers from leading world of experts both in private and public service and from major oil companies, no discover in the fedical to the final of the provided answers from leading world of experts both in private and public service and from major oil companies, no discover in the fedical transport of F. S. Alsomation of F. S. Samatine.

Recause of recent restructuring added together. Indeed, it is though that, whereas the tech-though wheteas the definitions are dearly

> Over and beyond the 250 to 300 GT of conventional oil making up the main subject of the World Energy Conference survey, there are indeed quite probably 300 to 600 GT of unconventional oil to be found at very great sea depths, in tar sands and oil shales, or producible by enhanced recovery; but the investment cost to pro-duce them is three or four times that of conventional oil, the production cost of each barrel is of the same order and technology for producing them is still generally imperfect.
> Therefore, the two categories

Consequently, the World Energy Conference cannot but fully approve of Mr K. R. Williams's comments when, with respect to the lowest estimates. ary to ensure that faced before 1990. respect to the lowest estimates (1.35 x 10^{12} barrels) or the highest estimates (4.2 x 10^{13} barrels) of conventional oil, he points out that they are not accepted by the very great majority of "most profession-ally competent petroleum geol-

ogists who agreed to reply to the poll. Yours faithfully, E. RUTILEY, Secretary-General, World Energy Conference, 34 Sr James Street, London SW1A 1HD.

Business appointments

Dickinson Robinson Group has new chief

Mr John S. Camm is succeeding Mr T. Lloyd Robinson, as chairman and chief executive of the Dickinson Robinson Group. Mr Lloyd Robinson retires at the end of the year and becomes an honorary

vice president.

Mr Denis Lanigan is to be group

Mr Denis Lanigan is to be group chairman of J. Walter Thompson in succession to Dr John Treasure. Mr Lanigan remains executive vice-president responsible for JWT offices in Europe.

Mr A. D. Martin, chairman of Martin, Black (Wire Ropes) and Speedwell Wire, and Mr. John Goodlet, a director of both companies, retire from both boards, Mr G. A. Black and Mr A. Johnston, joint managing directors of the two companies, become non-executive directors. Mr James Kennedy and Mr James Graham, directors of Scottish Wire Rope, become managing director and a directors of Scottish Wire Rope, become managing director and a director respectively of Martin, Black (Wire Ropes) and Mr W. A. C. Reynolds and Mr James Gillespie join that board. Mr John McVey and Mr S. H. Weir resign from the board of Martin, Black (Wire Ropes), Mr McVey is to become a director of the parent company and Mr Weir managing director of Speedwell Wire. Mr R. Davidson becomes a director of Speedwell Wire. Mr Martin and Mr Goodlet remain directors of Martin Black Limited, Mr Black and Mr Johnston continue as and Mr Johnston cominue as group managing directors and are also appointed to the board of SWR.

Mr Mike Rosser is being appointed to the board of Mettoy.

Mr M. D. Knight has been made secretary of The Thomson Organisation from January 1, in succession to Mr James Evans, who has joined the board.

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who has joined the board.

Mr J. R. Scott has been appointed to the board of Consolidated Plantations.

Mr G. A. Smith, has joined the board of Dawson International as group technical director.

Mr Bill Gregg becomes managing director of Plastic Coating Systems, succeeding Dr Gordon Barrett.

Mr A. R. Woodward has joined the board of Luxier Holdings as technical director.

Heape.

Earl De La Warr, managing director of Rediffusion, is to take over from Group Captain High Dundas as chairman of the subsidiary, Rediffon, Mr Ronald Denny, a director of Rediffusion, will become deputy chairman of Redifon and chairman of Redifon Telecommunications.

Mr C. G. Bird becomes deputy Mr C. G. Bird becomes deputy

managing director of Alexander
Howden Insurance Brokers
from January 1, Mr M. Henthorn
has been made a director of
Alexander Howden (Isle of Man).
Mr Eric Wood has been made
managing director of Barraft
Developments (Eastern).
Mr Michael Smithwick becomes
managing director of Sparklets
International BOC.

future revenues.

Finally, development costs

can be deferred at the option of the company concerned when

adequate resources exist, or are reasonably expected to be avail-

able, to enable the project to be completed and to provide

any consequential increases in working capital.

The standard, however requires that any carry forwar

should be reviewed at the end

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Strong support for gold shares

Though dealers estimated that the attendance was only about two thirds of normal some of the "blue chip" issues closed with double-figure gains. The demand, though thin, spread to a wide range of second-line issues, many of which felt the issues, many of which felt the benefit of the annual "share

ripping season". Gold shares proved a par ticularly strong feature as a good rise in the metal price inspired "hedge" buying against the problems of the dollar. The abolition of the 25 per ces: serrender rule on the dollar premium also surred some interest.

The travel brochure and TV holiday advertising season is about to swing into its stride. The only pure way into package hulidays is through Horizon Midlands whose shares rose 5p to 70p yesterday. A week ago they were 58p. This year turned out to be much bener than expected at one time in the travel trade, and the signs for 1978 suggest an outstanding war. Figures for the year to November 30 due soon will only be a foretaste.

The FT Index, 5.4 up at 3 pm, ended at 490.4, a net rise of 6.7. The OECD forecast, a strong performance from sterling and the prospect of lower interest rates in the new year sporred the long end of the gilt market where closing gains were around half a point after three quarters at one stage.

Short dates were comparatively neglected but still managed to edge ahead by an

With semiment given a lift by the OECD's optimistic fore-casts on Britain's inflation rate and balance of payments over the next few months equities staged a strong resumption after the Christmas break.

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Earlier doubts about retail sales were replaced by a more bullish sentiment in the stores sector after reports of a good Christmas period. Those to benefit most were Boots which rose 6p to 231p, Burton ordinary, where the gain was 5p to 125p, Debenhams which went shead 3p to 101p and Marks & Spencer which was a similar amount to the good at 165p.

After Friday's strong gain which followed news of the Heron stake sale profit takers were at work in Henlys which closed 11p lower at 125p, more dian eliminating the earlier rise. Further consideration of Distillers response to the EEC ruling on prices had the shares a couple of pence to the good at 182p while news of a £40m City offices deal had Trafalgar House

5p to the good at 161p. Pending a takeover announce-ment Newman Granger rose 2p to 36p before being suspended. In plantations reorganisation plans had Plantation Holdings 12p better at 411p while Assam Frontier lost 10p to 370p of Friday's takeover inspired

surge.

The strength of the pound and the consequent benefit for

where the rise was 12p to 693p. News of a 55m expansion plan-had Portals a couple of pence better at 233p.

Investment demand spurred by favourable comment listed Stanley Gibbons 10p to 180p, with others to benefit from com-ment being Christies International, up 3p to 78p, and Channel Tunnel where the gain was 3p

The prospect of a cut in mortgage rates in the New Year boosted housebuilders Barratt boosted housebuilders Barratt Developments 4p to 113p and Rush & Tompkins 7p to 104p. Elsewhere in the sector A. J. Mucklow was a firm spot, gaining 5p to 110p, while the best of a strong timber sector were International Timber. up 3p to 120p, and John Carr (Doncaster) which jumped 7p to 89p with the help of some favourable comment.

In oils falling profits in its chemical division brought a late fall to BP which ended with a net loss of 2p to 862p. Shell were similarly lower at 526p.

A long list of issues to jump on speculative demand included

the way cheed was led by Glaxo which ended with an impresbeecham, which ended 160 to the good at 69p, and Fisons where the rise was 8p to 388p. ICI closed at a more subdued 360p, a net rise of 360p.

Staffer International at 17p is no more then a straight gamble on recovery, or a bid when the charmen retires. Textile recesson has put profits through the shredder and in November the eroup pessed the interim. But as recently as 1976 profits were a record (2.5m and the shares) present market value is only 12.63m. One or two manage-ment changes have already iven made. The gamble could pur off

Though generally subdued the prospect of cheaper money in the New Year inspired a sporadic demand for property shares. Among the best were Land Securities, up 6p to 224p, Equity turnover on December 22 was 231.50 (6.274 bargains). on speculative demand included Brent Chemical, up 13p to 198p.
R. H. Cole 13p to 123p, Avon Rubber 6p to 197p, Hunting Associated 7p to 212p, Dent Cal, GEC and Racal.

> Malaysian plan for Plantation

Plantation Holdings is considering with its advisers a

reorganization of the capital structure. This would give

shareholders the opportunity to

obtain a direct interest in a company owning all the

Holdings

Latest results

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General Mills' margins hold up

By Our Financial Staff General Mills, the American conglomerate in food, toys and travel is doing what it has learnt to do well. It is growing strongly. In the 13 weeks to November 27 sales and earnings rose to new peaks and margins are holding well enough for earnings to grow as fast as surpover.

fast as turnover.
Sales climbed 15.4 per cent to \$928.9m and earnings went ahead by just 16.3 per cent to \$43.9m. Earnings a share duly advanced to 88 cents from 76 cents in the same weeks the year before.

year before.

The latest gains mean that in the first half of 1977-78 sales have risen by 13.9 per cent to \$1,693.Im. So earnings a share grew by 16.4 per cent to \$1.63.

Mr E. Robert Kinney, chairman, talks of General Mills' breed strangth within

a diversified food, consumer product and service business.

The most important contributors to the first half year's gains were domestic package and frozen foods, restaurants, tions to first half growth. Operating profits of worldwide traft game and toy operations. and frozen foods, restaurants, jewelry, clothing and furniture. Nor were the sales gains merely a reflection of inflation. Well over half came from growth in quantity. Recent investment pulled its weight. In consumer foods, Mr kinney reported that most of the group's major product lines showed renewed growth in deliveries following a pause in the face of soft retail grocery industry volume during the summer. This was reflected in the second quarter by a 5 per cent gain in packby a 5 per cent gain in pack-see food volume and by volume increases in retail

craft, game and toy operations, which have enjoyed seven sucfrozen seafoods and pizza of better than 15 per cent. Only

cessive years of strong growth, grew more moderately but met programmed first half targets.

General Mills' interests in Europe include in foods and snacks, Smiths Food, Snakpak and Tudor Foods in the United Kingdom; Smiths Foods in Belgium and Holland, Bis-cuiterie Nantaise (France) and u 10 per cent share in Zach GubH (Austria) and in GMB

group's assets in Malaysia. It is intended that this company should be resident in Malaysia for tax and exchange control purposes, and that the reorganization should represent a further step in conformity with the guidelines laid down Proteins Limited. In toys, the group owns Denys Fisher and Palitoy (UK), General Mills GmbH (Germany), and the Meccano and Miro Groups tome time before the outcome can be proceeded to the colored to the content of the process of the content of the process of the content of the process of th in the Malaysian Government's

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Newman Granger shares suspended as price rises

A temporary halt to dealings the shares of Newman Granger, a Nothingham-based precision engineer and car jack maker, has been granted at the company's request "pending publication of an announcement". Last week the group ment". Last week the group-said that it has received a take-over approach which might lead to an offer, but the board did not know if the offer would be acceptable. The news pushed the group's shares up 6p to 32p, but by the time of the sus-pension yesterday, they stood 2p up on the day at 36p. This puts a price tag of £1.8m on the group. the group.

In the year to July 31 the

group's pre-tax profits slipped from a record £648,000 to £477,000, but the board continued with capital investment as a measure of its confidence. as a measure of its considence.
In November the chairman, Mr
B. D. Granger, said that in spite
of its increase in turnover, the
group had found it impossible the board was stepping up its efforts to ensure that the set-back was only temporary, "especially if disruptions to production from external sources can be reduced".

Assoc Biscuits to buy US group

Associated Biscuit Manufac-turers has signed heads of agreement expected to lead to the purchase of Salerno-Mego-wen Biscuit of Chicago, The proposed deal depends, smong other things, on the negotiation and execution of mutually ac-ceptable agreements, which should be completed by April, 1978. Further financial and other details will be sent to sbareholders in due course. At this time the exact price of the takeover is not being dis-closed but industry sources suggest a possible cash price of about £5m. Sales of the Salerno-Magowen business are currently running at more than £26m a

The takeover will give Associated control of its first nanufacturing operation in the Juited States. We have been looking for possible acquisition in the United States for some time,", said a group spokesman. "We will now build in this as a base in the United States."

Jacques Borel, Ahold in possible deal

Zaan Dam, Holland.-Ahold NV has begun talks with Jacques Borel International SA about taking over a number of roadside restaurants from the lossmaking French hotels group. Ahold said that the talks were at an early stage. Ahold is

chiefly engaged in food retail-ing. It has 12 roadside restaurants in Holland, two in Belgium, and one in West Germany. Borel, now raising 70m francs by a public issue, has forecast losses this year of more than 90m francs. Profits may reappear in 1979.

Habit-Engineering back on course

Habit Engineers, the old Gloucester & Cheltenbam Greybounds group, as a public company incorporating a precision tool group Habit Diamond. Going public proved "a demanding and time-consuming responsibility" for the manage-

Price increases came through later than expected and strikes at some customers reduced sales. This left profits for the year to September 30 at £112,000 against the £142,000 forecast at the time of the rights issue and placing in February. But the dividend rises from 1.3p to 2p.

Pechiney offshoot plunges into loss

Paris.—Produits Chimiques Ugine Kuhlmann (PCUK), part of the Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann (PUK) Group, expects to report net losses of between 100 and 150m francs for 1977, Pechiney sources said.
PCUK inself announced measures temporarily to close some colourant factories and continue its early retirement scheme. The company accounts for about 20 per cent of PUK group turnover.
PUK said that PCUK was taking steps to meet the general difficulties all chemical groups are facing because of poor economic conditions, particu-

Sime Darby now bas Control of Kempas

larly for colourants as a result of low activity in textiles and

The Sime Darby group recently bought a majority interest in Kempas (Malaysia), a company with large rubber and other plantation interests. Sime Darby's chief executive. Mr James Scott, says.
In recent weeks, Sime Darby reportedly bought 756,238
Kempas shares for \$1.4m, in-

creasing its ownership from 48.15 per cent to 51.79 per cent. As a result of the increase. four smaller companies closely associated with Sime Darby, and in which Kempas had shares, have become subsidiaries of Sime. They are Benta Plantations, Kempas Edible Oil, Taiping Consolidated and Lingui

can be reported to shareholders

Statement of the financial situation as at 30th June, 1977 ASSETS

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Allowing for dividends due to be received before the end of the year, the income from the investment portfolio of Compagnic Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas for the financial year 1977 should be slightly up on the figure for 1976. This is due to an increase in dividends from the subsidiaries whose financial year 1977. ended on 30th September, 1977:

Receivables given in pawn

Other commitments received

- Omnium de Participations Financières et Industrielles de Paris et des Pays-Bas "OPFI-PARIBAS" showed a net profit of F.Frs. 61.7m and its dividend has been declared at F.Frs. 6.50 per share as against F.Frs. 6.40.

- The net profit of PARIBAS INTERNATIONAL amounted to F.Frs. 71.8m as against F.Frs. 59.3m and the dividend will be raised from F.Frs. 10 to F.Frs. 12.

- "SOGEDIP" - Societé de Gestion d'Interets Petroliers closed its financial year with a net profit of F.Frs. 23.6m as against F.Frs. 21.2m and will distribute a dividend of F.Frs. 16 as against F.Frs. 12.

 OPB-PARIBAS, which raised its capital to F. Frs. 258.3m last November by the issue of 2.583.000 shares at F. Frs. 70, will also increase its dividend, from F.Frs. 6.50 to F.Frs. 7.

The net income from banking activities carried out by Compagnie Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas will show a substantial increase. Although the gross figure seems to be close to that for the previous year, the payment of the whole of the issuing costs of the convertible bond loan issued in July 1976 led to an appreciable fall in net income from banking in

in these circumstances the net non-consolidated profit of Compagnic Financiere de Paris et des Pays-Bas for the financial year 1977 should show an increase on the preceding year, which amounted to F.Frs. 172.4m.

The Board of Directors decided last September to increase the share capital from F.Frs. 1,104,000,000 to F.Prs. 1,324,800,000 by capitalising reserves, and issuing one new share for every five shares held. The process of allotting these new shares which rank for dividends from 1st January, 1977 and which will therefore be entitled to the same dividend as the old shares, will begin an 22nd December 1977. begin on 22nd December, 1977.

Foundry's return to solvency

By Clifford Webb A Mansfield foundry which went into receivership in 1973, yesterday revived the flagging spirits of the depressed industry by announcing a complete

recovery.

The news could not have come at a better time. A further 30 foundries have been forced to close since the Government introduced its £40m aid scheme for the industry in August 1975. It has since been doubled to £80m but many more foundries are in serious trouble. Stokes Castings, a private company incorporated in 1917

went into receivership with un-secured creditor liabilities of £141,000. Much of its trouble stemmed from the construction of a new foundry and the neces-sary financing against a back-ground of worsening trading conditions. But the

But the receiver and manager, Mr Walter Moore. senior partner of Moore and Fletcher chartered accountants of Sheffield decided to try to trade Stokes out of its difficul-

Within three months be was making a profit and not one of the 170 employees lost his job. In April 1974, Mr Kenneth Rickhuss was recruited from H. H. Green and Russell, the Black Country ironfounders, to become Stokes new managing

director By July 1975 creditors bad received 40p in the £. Mr Rickbuss continued to reconstruct financial operations, with the result that in both the years ended March 31 1976, and 1977 he was able to show profits. Yesterday's announcement re-

realed that the 60p balance has now been paid. Mr Rickhuss said: "In the depressed state of the iron foundry industry which has recently experienced some of the nost difficult trading conditions it has ever known, the emer-gence of Stokes from receiver-ship must be unique."

R & D accounting rules tightened

Wales has tightened its rules on the treatment of development expenditure and at the same time has relaxed some of the harsh conditions of an earlier exposure draft.

Whereas the Exposure Draft Number 14—accounting for research and development—had proposed thar all R & D expenditure of such a project can

research and development—had separately identifiable and the proposed that all R & D expenditure should be written off in the year that it was incurred (with the exception of development work carried out under contract for, and reimbursed by, third parties) a lobby of lead-

A survey of 60 of Britain's

leading car dealers, published by ICC Business Ratio, shows that rotal profits in the three years ending April 1977 increased by 54 per cent.

An analysis of profit margins,

however, reveals that the aver-

age for all the companies was only 2.1 per cent in 1974-75,

2 per cent the following year and just 2.3 per cent in 1976-77.

Average return on capital rose from 8.4 per cent in the first year to 10.4 per cent last

The report shows that the

total value of sales of the 60 companies increased by 40 per

By Edward Townsend

By Our Financial Staff
In a new accounting standard covering research and development, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has tightened its rules on werd and the aggregate of such costs some modifications. This could together with related production, selling and administrative costs are reasonably expected to be more than covered by related future revenues.

The letter accounting standard constitution of technical and compared to the more than covered by related future revenues.

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of each accounting period and that it should be, disclosed in financial statements.

Car dealer profits rise 54pc over three years

> rise in sales of more than 25 per cent a year while 10 saw an increase of less than 10 per "It hardly needs saying that there was precious little volume growth and that higher prices are responsible for al-most all the sales growth. the

report says.

Car prices have almost doubled in the past four years and ICC comments: "In view of this it is perhaps surprising that the reaction of consumers has been so moderate. has been so moderate. "It does appear that a re-

Lucas boost overseas sales by 31.5 pc

Lucas Industries paid £40,000 to employees with export-winning suggestions in 1977 and boosted their overseas sales by 31.5 per cent to reach £147.2m. The Birmingham-based automotive to aerospace group are one of 2,300 companies who have taken part in the national export year campaign organized by the British Overseas Trade

covery is taking place in terms to giving every subsidiary the of consumer expenditure but it is doubtful if it will reach the maximum freedom to organize its own export competitions,

Board. The board aimed to increase exports by 10 per cent but national results are now approximately 25 per cent above last year. Lucas believe that their above average success was due

cent in the three years with faster growth in the second Belgian plea for lower interest rates

Brussels, Dec 28.—The Belgian authorities should reduce interest rates for borrowers when market conditions permit because the current cost of capital is slowing construction, corporate investment and pri-vate consumption, the central

advisory panel, said.

The panel, which is composed of industry, unions, agriculture of industry, representatives,

Apart from 6 per cent on percent of a record 9 per cent on December 14.

Apart from defending the public and consumer representatives, said the Belgian National Bank had to raise interest rates tem-

franc, the need of the Public sutherities to borrow on money and capital markets kept Bel gian interest rates relatively high, the council said.—Reuser. raised bank rate twice, to 7 per

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Briefly

Portals' £5m expansion plan for its bank notes

The Portals subsidiary of Portals Holdings plans a £5m investment plan for its banknote paper mill at Overton. Hampshire. The money will be spent over the next three years. Of the total, about £4.5m will be spent on a comprehensive re-building and expansion of the nulls finishing department. The bulk of the remaining £1m investment will be on new computer installations, capable of handling both financial data and process control information.

. These investments will enable Portals to continue to offer the highest quality of paper and meet the changing needs and technologies of banknote printers at home and overseas.

chilles Electronic

Cash offer by Baring Brothers & Co for Philips Electronic and Associated Industries for outstanding equity in Electronic Rentals has lapsed. Acceptances and share certificates will be returned next week.

TRUST AND AGENCY
North British and General Investment Trust offers accepted for 5.24m shares or 65.5 per cent and 26.5 per cent preference. SCOTTISH AND UNIVERSAL

Scottista and Universal Eyest-ments says offer to buy all 45,000 shares in Scottish Agricultural Publishing now unconditional Acceptances 92.1 per cent of SAP. Offer open until further notice. CITICORP

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The second secon Wall Street

New York, Dec 28.—The market closed steady, overcoming moderate mid-session losses.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was unchanged at 829.70. It was down over four points at its low for the session.

Volume totalled 19,630.000 shares compared with 16,750,000 shares previous. shares compared with 16,750,000 shares previous.

Some analyses viewed the latest United States trade figures constructively. The trade deficit in November fell sharply to an adjusted \$2,086m from a record \$3,100m the previous month.

US gold active

New York, Dec 28.—Gold futures closed mixed in active trading. On the Comex prices were unchanged oxerpt for the January contract which costed at \$165.00, up 10 cents, Prices on the 19M were 10 cents fower to \$60 cents higher. NY COMEX: Jan \$165.00 Feb. \$127.00; Jane, \$165.00 Feb. \$177.40; Jane, \$177.80; Jane, \$177.80; Jane, \$177.80; Jane, \$177.80; Jane, \$178.70; Jane, \$179.80; April, \$189.70; Jane, \$178.70; Jane, \$179.80; Jane, \$170.80; Jane, \$177.40; Jane, \$170.80; Jane, \$177.40; Jane, \$170.80; Jane, \$177.70; Jane, \$170.80; Jane, \$177.70; Jane, \$188.80; Jane, \$177.80; Jane, \$188.80; Jane, \$188.80;

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Commodities

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UK metal stocks

AFRIKANDER LEASE

of Sterling

Discount houses returned from the Christmas holiday weekend to find credit in full supply. In fact, the Bank of England sold a small amount of Treasury Bills directly to the houses, but still left money in the system to carry forward to Tuesday.

Rates started up at 7-61 per cent, but came steadily down on the official forecast of a day of surplus credit. Closing balances in the secured market were taken at 5 per cent, while interbank money

Bank Base Rates

C. Hoare & Co
Lloyds Bank
London Mercantile
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CHARTER CONSOLIDATED NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER An interim dividency of 3.025p per staro will be payable on or altor 9th January, 1972, to persons presenting Coupon No. 25 delached from share warrants to bearer. The dividend will corry a tax credit of 1.55823p per share Coupons, which must be left four clear days for e-amination, may be lodged any weekday (Saturday excepted) between 10 am and 3 pm. at the Bearer Roception Office at this address, or at Credit Lynnais, 19 Soulevard des Italions, 75002 Paris, or Banque Rothschild, 21 Rue Lafille, 73009 Paris, Listing forms may be obtained on application. 40 Holbern Viaduct, London EC1P 1AJ 29th December, 1577

Discount market

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Foreign Exchange

The pound reached a peak of 1.9075 to the dollar yesterday—its best level since April, 1976, before enting below the best at 1.8959, still more than three cents up on Friday's 1.8640. Sterling's effective currency basket level closed off the top at 64.6 after 65.0 initially and compared with 64.1 before the holiday.

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Boosting sentiment was an encouraging United Kingdom economic forecast from the OECD, though currency morements were often well out of proportion with actual trade in very thin conditions. Dealers reported some year-end booksquaring, but many until the new year. For November the currency closed on a dismol note. The mark closed up at 2.04 (2.055).

closed at 2.1270 to the dollar (Friday 2.1520). Swiss francs The gold price continued its Friday climb to London with a risc of \$2.5 an owner to \$164.625. Stocks in London Menal Ex-change official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tunnes except silver): Copper down 750 to 638,125; Tin up 785 to 3,725; Lead up 525 to 65,625; Zioc up 75 to 64,550; Silver down 60,000 to 19,370,000.

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Motoring

Thoughts on a bleak year for Leyland

Two days away from the end of 1977 it is time to look back on snother motoring year, to lavish braise, to hurd brickbats and to hope that in 1978 everything will be better.

The tragedy of the year has been the performance of the British motor industry, coupled with the name of British Leyland. Two weeks ago Mr David Plastow, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, got up at a banquet and said that the industry was bleeding to death. And who can disprese?

in a new manager, but whether the arrival of Mr Michael Edwardes will of itself work miracles is doubtful. So far he has instigated yet another management shake-up and yet another review of future model policy. Meanwhile morale is said to be less than buoyant and the company continues to perform far short of its capacity.

The farce of the year has been the Aston Martin Lagonda, the one with the futuristic instrument panel. The car was first announced at the London Motor Show in 1976 at a price of £24,570 with production promised for the spring. Twelve months later the car was shown at the Motorfair at a price of £32,619 with production

car was shown at the Motorfair at a price of 122,619 with production promised for the spring. Someone has been pulling someone's leg.

The worst new car of the year—of any year—was the Skoda Estelle, with unbelievably bad handling for a rehicle made in the late 1970s. The tolley of criticism, which even the Department of Transport eventually supported, bas produced promises from TR7 variants up its sleeve but the next car of the year—a tentative judgment since I have driven it is firly briefry—was the Peugeot 305, a medium saloon which will arrive in Britain in the late spring. It may not represent any great breakthrough in this series of the series. However, the company's institute of the spring or mechanical design but it does everything so well and is a thoroughly refined and enjoyable car. I found it difficult to fault.

The most surprising new car of the year—a reason will be brought forward.

The most surprising new car of the year are was the Volkswagen Derby, a reason of its little Polo. Surprising, because according to moun industry orthodoxy any small car must be a hatchback—in other words, lave a door at the back and a folding rear sear so that maximum use can be made of limited space.

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The front-wheel drive Colt Mirage which will be introduced to Britain late in 1978. It has 1.2, 1.4 and 1.6 litre engines.

suggested that the German motoring Chevette and Cavalier and it is a fair vinced; many people, it emerged, still announced in the summer but not yet wanted a conventional three-box car in Britain, will turn up at Luton as with a separate boot. The success of the VX replacement. It could happen the Derby has borne this out and it is in 1978.

David Plassow, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, got up at a banquet-and said that the industry was bleeding to death. And who can disagree?

He was referring to what are suphemistically called "labour relations problems"—or, in plain language, strikes, most of them usofficial, often directed as much against the conficial often union leadership as against the conficial often union leadership as against the conficial often that being the upaket has been the consistent failure of British factories to produce has bridge cars and foreign makes have noturally seized their opportunity, taking 45 per cent of the market. The based as fine car found itself being outsold on its home ground by Continental competitors such as the Andi 100.

Leyland, like a football club strught in a new manager, but whether the arrival of Mr Michael Edwardes will after the larger type of Mr Michael Edwardes will after the larger type of Mr Michael Edwardes will after the larger type of Mr Michael Edwardes will appear to the visit of the British "big four", Chrysler and the Devoluting a road rest; when it make then in the make then in the said that if he were down the police were not looking, they are otherwise totally under the motoring climate in which, for better or worse, we live and the police were is virtually seized their opportunity, they are otherwise totally under the motoring climate in which for better or worse, we live and foreign makes here one of the said that if he were such the said that if he were distingtoned to the first small American more economical. His the First X1/9, better or worse and the first small American more economical. His the First X1/9 better or worse to be well as the bodyshell is a few inches the police were furnity and the were down the police were furnity and the were down the police were furnity to the police were furnity to the police were not looking, they are otherwise totally under the police were the police were the police were the police were to the police were the po

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at 1977. Instead Jonathan Dimbleby reports from the cyclone-ravaged

to build a supermini on Ford Fiesta/

Affe Romeo's Giulietta which revives a

Polo lines in the early 1980s. It will
apparently be a Russian design and not
a modified Western car, like the Ladacompliant 124. The Soviet car industry another to watch for; it is likely, the
may be small by world standards but
if they put their minds to the supermini, the Russians could surprise us.
Finally, the award for inertia must
go to the Department of Transport for
failing to implement road safety ment for they tend to be rather old
measures that would save thousands of Japanese cars with minor styling
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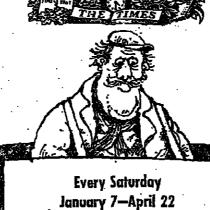
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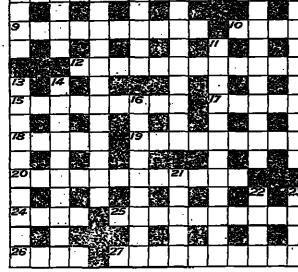
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